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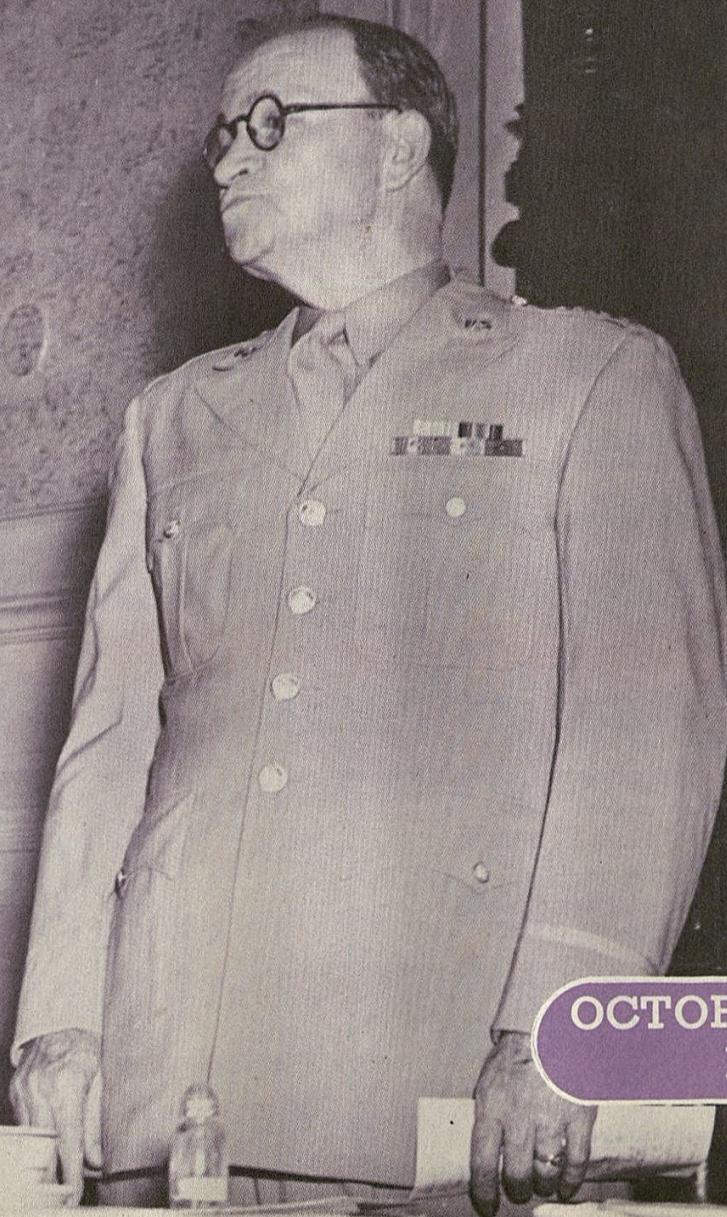
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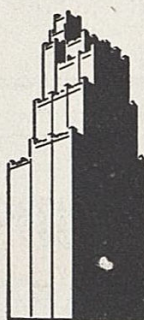


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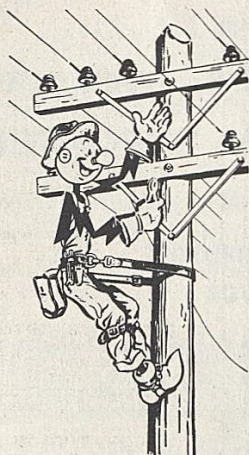
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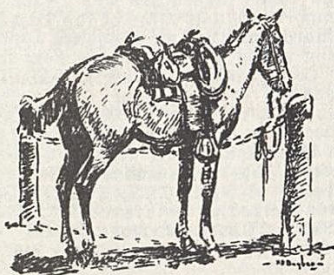
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Officers of the Texas State Guard Officers' Association, left to right: Seated, Maj. Gordon M. Reese, chaplain; Maj. Lloyd M. Bentsen, chairman of the board; Maj. Donald W. Peacock, president; Capt. James F. Ewers, 1st vice president. Standing, Capt. Carl Hardin, Jr., adjutant; Maj. H. W. Stillwell, 3rd vice president; Capt. Weldon Swenson, finance officer, and Maj. Ed D. Konken, 2nd vice president. Chaplain Reese was appointed by Major Peacock, while others were elected at general assembly.

ASSOCIATION HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

One hundred fifty members of the Texas State Guard Officers' Association, representing 30 out of the state's 51 guard battalions, met in the association's first annual convention at Austin on October 2 and 3.

The convention was an enormous success in the opinion of all who attended.

Business of importance was accomplished, valuable ideas were exchanged, and comradeship among the fellow-officers was strongly promoted.

Registration opened at the Driskill Hotel, convention headquarters, at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

This was followed by a meeting of the executive committee at 2 p. m., a meeting of the board of directors at 4 p. m., a cocktail party at 7:30 p. m., and banquet at 8:30 p. m.

The general assembly and business session were held commencing at 10 a. m. Sunday, with adjournment at noon.

Officers were elected as the concluding business at the general assembly. Maj. Donald W. Peacock was re-elected president with Capt. James P. Ewers, 31st Bn., Mission, elected 1st vice president; Maj. Ed D. Konken, 2nd Bn., Houston, 2nd vice president; Maj. H. W. Stillwell, 50th Bn., Texarkana, 3rd vice president; Capt. Carl Hardin, Jr., 5th Bn., Austin, adjutant; Capt. Weldon Swenson, 5th Bn., Austin, finance officer; Maj. Lloyd M. Bentsen, 31st Bn., Mission, was re-elected chairman of the board of directors, and Maj. Bryan Montague, AGD, Del Rio, was elected Judge advocate. The vote was unanimous.

The general assembly was opened with a report by Captain Ewers on the work of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee in revising the association's constitution and bylaws. Radical changes were made, and adopted by the assembly. The complete new constitution and by-laws will be published in the November issue of THE TEXAS GUARDSMAN.

Captain Ewers reported that the association was now incorporated.

A report was made by President Peacock, who reviewed the accomplishments of the association since its organization six months ago. Major Peacock said the association now had 721 members, which is approximately 70 per cent of the total TSG officer personnel.

Peacock reported that new regulations restricting the sale of metal military insignia of grade and arm of service going into effect October 18 made it wise for Guard units to obtain supplies such as insignia now. However, the major said he felt provision would be made for Guard officers to purchase insignia after October 18.

Major Peacock reported that the outline metal letters "TEX" worn by TSG officers on their service coat lapels would be available on and after October 10 at Joseph's Man's Shop, Austin, and later from other sources, he understood.

Major Bentsen reported to the assembly on the work of the legislative committee, stating that if there is an excuse for a State Guard in Texas, then there is an excuse for sufficient financial aid to be provided by the Texas legislature to adequately equip and operate the State Guard.

Major Bentsen said, "State defense is a state issue, and the state should provide the money." He deplored "begging" or the solicitation of funds from businesses and individuals, explaining that such methods lowered the dignity of the Guard.

He said that he was confident that the Texas legislature was aware of the importance and value of the Texas State Guard and that an adequate appropriation would be voted at the next session.

Capt. Robert L. Harris, AGD, Dallas, made a report on plans for Texas State Guard Week, Nov. 7-13, and a general discussion was held on this subject.

Maj. Samuel R. Haggard, Houston, whose job as managing editor and director of THE TEXAS GUARDSMAN was ratified at the convention, discussed THE GUARDSMAN'S future plans, promising a magazine of ever increasing quality.

Several important resolutions proposed in a report of the resolutions committee, headed by Maj. Julian A. Weslow, 48th Bn., Houston, were unanimously adopted. The report in full follows:

1. Be it resolved that Capt. Ewing Adams of the General Staff has performed a valuable service to every unit of the State Guard by preparing the graphs showing attendance, strength, enlistments and discharges of each unit, in that it enables the unit officers to tell at a glance the status of his particular organization and

WHEREAS this organization is in evidence of intelligence and industry on the part of Capt. Adams and his assistant which is very much appreciated by the officers of this Association. There-



The general assembly and business session was held in the Maximilian Room on the mezzanine of the Driskill. A fine spirit of unity and accord characterized the convention throughout the sessions.



Major Peacock addresses the general assembly, while Major Charles O. Betts, who resigned his post as adjutant because of conflict with other duties, sits beside Mrs. Helen Smith.



General Birkhead, Sam Foreman, head of the Texas department of the American Legion, and Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker, commanding general of the Texas State Guard, talk it over.



A variety of expressions marked the countenances of the officers as they listened to the speakers at the banquet in the Crystal Ball Room of the Driskill.



Lt. Col. Sidney C. Mason, G-4, AGD, and four association members strike a convivial note at the cocktail party preceding the banquet Saturday night.



Above, Sam Foreman presents a red feather to Col. Mason; below, Maj. Weslow, Col. Mason, Mrs. Mary Payne and Lt. Col. James C. Jones laugh about it.

fore, be it resolved that Capt. Ewing Adams be commended for this splendid work and be assured of appreciation of our Association.

2. WHEREAS both officers and men of the Texas State Guard have long desired the issuance of a service ribbon to those who have served more than one year in the State Guard. Believing that such a ribbon is a merited recognition of service and will tend to improve the morale of the guard and

WHEREAS a suitable and acceptable design has been prepared by this association, and given unofficial approval by the Adjutant General and such a ribbon can be issued upon order of the Governor. Now therefore, be it resolved that the Adjutant General be requested to expedite the issuance of this ribbon and that the Governor be memorialized to authorize its issuance and wearing and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Adjutant General for transmittal to the Governor.

3. WHEREAS the Texas State Guard has now been issued its new patch which has won commendation from everyone who has seen it and

WHEREAS the original design from which such patch was evolved was submitted by Captain Joseph C. Luther of the 36th Battalion and

WHEREAS this association is indebted to Captain Luther for his valuable suggestion, now therefore, be it resolved that Captain Joseph C. Luther, 36th Battalion, Texas State Guard, be

commended and given the appreciation of the officers of this association for his submission of this design and to him goes a large part of the credit for our present attractive shoulder patch.

4. WHEREAS the association is closing a very successful and helpful meeting and

WHEREAS such a meeting has been made possible and pleasant by the untiring work of the officers of this association as well as the officers of the 5th Battalion and

WHEREAS the members of this association appreciate the efforts and hospitality of these gentlemen, now therefore, be it resolved that we give these officers a standing vote of thanks for their fine work.

5. WHEREAS the present rules of the Adjutant General's Office do not allow the company commanders to use any discretion in the type of discharge he issues or in the character reference given to discharged members of the Texas State Guard, requiring that each man be given an honorable discharge and a character reference of "Excellent," and

WHEREAS this practice has resulted in many individuals who have performed no worthwhile service to the guard, but on the contrary, have abused guard property and guard rules, to secure the same type of discharge and the same character reference that men who have rendered faithful and honest service have received and

WHEREAS such practice results in cheapening the value of an honorable discharge and "Excellent" character reference from the State Guard and will give unworthy holders of such discharges and character references unfair opportunities to use same and exposes the guard to the danger of reflection on it by the subsequent conduct of these men. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Adjutant General be requested to allow each unit commander to give discharged enlisted personnel of the Texas State Guard the type of discharge and the kind of character reference that, in his discretion, may seem proper.

An additional resolution, proposed by Maj. Vincent Chiodo, 7th Bn., Houston, was adopted. It was:

WHEREAS, The Texas State Guard Association, composed of ex-servicemen of World Wars I and II, and other patriotic American citizens, are unselfishly concerned with the military policy of our government, and

WHEREAS, We believe that the present war has taught us the value of military training for the youth of the land in time of peace, as well as in time of war, and

WHEREAS, We believe that some form of universal military training will be untold benefit to the nation, and will act as a safeguard for peace, if administered along democratic lines, and

WHEREAS, The scarcity of trained officer personnel for the military and

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Capt. Wallace E. Adams, AGD, state personnel officer, figures out a transportation problem for Capt. W. B. Scrungleour, 58th Bn., Galveston, while Capt. W. E. Yarbro, 32nd Bn., Tyler, stands by at the registration and personnel desk at the convention.

GENERAL BIRKHEAD MAKES STIRRING SPEECH

The best insurance against another terrible world war is for the United States to become so strong militarily that no nation or combination of nations will dare to start a war without us on their side, Maj. Gen. Claude V. Birkhead, retired, told members of the Texas State Guard Officers Association at the first annual banquet of the association in Austin on Oct. 3.

"And we will never be the aggressors," the general added.

General Birkhead was the principal speaker at the banquet which also heard talks by Brig. Gen. A. B. Knickerbocker, commanding general of the Texas State Guard, Col. Neill Banister, chief of staff of the TSG, Sam Foreman, state commander of the American Legion, and others.

General Birkhead spoke strongly against the Palmer Bill, now up in Congress, which provides for a federal peace-time army of 2,000,000 men.

"That measure will do away with your state guard and every other state guard in the nation," the general declared.

"There is no need for such a law," he said, declaring that if the National Defense Act of 1920 is carried out as it was intended to be carried out, the United States would always have a strong reserve force to back up its hands in international arguments.

"No less a military leader than General George Marshall, chief of staff, has said that if the defense act of 1920 had been carried out to the letter the United States would not be in this war today."

The general advocated that ROTC training start in the junior high schools of the state and that youths should have a military credit before they could

High praise for the TEXAS GUARDSMAN came from two high officers at the first annual banquet of the Texas State Guard Officers Association.

"I want to take this opportunity to say a word about your guard magazine, The Guardsman," said Col. Banister, chief of staff.

"Compliments come to my desk from all over the state and nation about the magazine. It is a splendid publication and is doing a splendid job of keeping the interest and morale of the guard high."

General Birkhead said that in his long army career he had seen many military magazines but that he had never seen one that "even came in sight of your magazine, The Guardsman. It is instructive, interesting and efficient and I congratulate you on having such a splendid publication."

Thank you, General Birkhead and Colonel Banister.

The staff of The Guardsman accepts your high praise with great appreciation and with equally great determination to make sure that it will ever be worthy of such commendation.

graduate, the same as other credits.

He told the gathering that civilians fight the wars of the world and that professionals only lead them into battle.

He asked where would the army be today if the United States had not had a

strong nucleus of trained state guard officers who were called into service quickly and helped train the hundreds of thousands of men who make up the rank and file of the army.

The general urged members of the association to keep up their interest in the state guard after the war is over and not make the mistake that was made after World War I.

"Perhaps the need for a state guard was not as great then as it is now," he said, "but had the interest been kept up we would not have wasted 10 times the effort we did to get into battle trim as was wasted when this war started."

"It behooves every one of you to get behind every move to improve the state guard so that this nation will have a highly organized civilian military component to the regular armed forces of the United States."

The general declared that the Texas State Guard was the biggest and best state guard in the United States.

"That is not only my opinion," he said. "It is the opinion of my chief in Washington, the National Guard Service Bureau. He says that the Texas State Guard is outstanding among all."

"I know why that is."

"The thing that made you get into the guard—the sense of duty and patriotism that made you get in is the thing that has made this guard the best in the nation."

The general warned strongly against becoming complacent with the good news that the newspapers carry today.

"We are not sissies," he said. "We can take it. The harder and tougher the going gets the quicker we will whip the enemy. We can do it and will do it."



Capt. J. L. Caveness and Capt. C. C. Bateman (in car) climb out at convention headquarters after an automobile trip from Houston, where both officers are serving in the 7th Battalion, TSG.



Some officers put up at Camp Mabry, where those with a preference for rugged army living stayed. Lodging at Mabry was provided by Colonel Mason, who also operated auto-shuttle service.



Morning at Mabry. Some of the conventioners remarked on the similarity to Bullis, although no one who stayed at Mabry found a centipede in his pants or a rattlesnake in bed with him.



Rousing the boys at Mabry was not always easy, nor gentle. In this case a carbon dioxide fire extinguisher is the agent used in de-bedding an officer who didn't want to hit the deck at reveille.



The Guardsman's staff: Seated, Don Hinga, new executive editor; Maj. Samuel R. Haggard, managing director, and Capt. Wainwright, resigning executive editor. Standing, Lts. Jarvis, Roselle, LaChance and Rutland, representatives.



A group of officers from the 7th Battalion, Houston, enjoy the speech-making at the banquet. The banquet was one of the high spots of the convention, topped by General Birkhead's address.

"And when this war is over you and I have another mission to perform. We cannot stop when peace is made. Then we will be confronted with the basic mission that causes you to be in uniform tonight. We must see that this nation has a strong reserve of trained men ready to back up our government's desires for peace all over the world."

Major General Claude V. Birkhead complimented the shoulder insignia of the guard.

"That T in it means tops to me," he said.

General Knickerbocker told the officers they should keep two main objectives before them during the coming year:

"See that the state guard officers association is pushed all over the nation.

"Give grave thought to the question of what our post-war military policy shall be.

"You should contact your associates, your friends, your representatives in the legislature and congress and find out what their ideas are about the post-war military policy of this government.

"It is a vital thing and you should make every effort to see that it is shaped correctly."

General Knickerbocker urged the of-

ficers to put principles and ideals above selfish motives.

"The unselfish spirit that you men have shown in your work in the guard is the thing that this nation needs most," he said.

"It is a privilege to be associated with men like you. If we keep our principles and ideals above selfish motives, nothing can stop this Texas State Guard organization."

Commander Foreman of the American Legion said that the Legion stood ready at all times to do everything in its power to promote the welfare of the guard.

"We are proud that we sponsored the organization of the state guard and want you to call on us as long as possible when you are in need of anything."

Foreman called Lt. Col. Sidney C. Mason to the speaker's table and gave him an award for his fine work as commander of the guard during the Beaumont martial law duty.

"I do not have a service ribbon that I can give you for your fine work at the Battle of Beaumont," Foreman said, "but here is a feather in your cap."

He then presented Mason with a large red feather.

Col. Banister told of the appreciation of the headquarters staff for the hard work and devotion of the officers over the state that has made the Texas guard outstanding over the nation.

"Your training and hard work will assure that Texas will make its mark at all times.

"You are making sure that there shall never be a slaughter of civilians in Texas like there was in the little town of Lidice in Czecho-Slovakia.

"You are making sure that there shall never be a Lidice in Texas."

Major D. W. Peacock, president of the officers association, opened the meeting with the announcement that the membership of the association had grown from 100 to 700 in the first short year of its existence.

He thanked the fifth battalion of Austin and Col. Mason for the effort they had put forth to make the association convention a success and turned the meeting over to Major C. O. Betts, state adjutant, who acted as toastmaster.

Major Betts said that 30 out of the 51 battalions in the state were represented at the convention and that next year the representation should be 100 per cent.

Declaring that unselfish service was the paramount thing that was needed to make the state guard and the association successful, he told the officers:

"It is our stern duty to look to the welfare of the people of the state as a whole. If we keep that purpose in mind our association and our guard will continue to grow and serve the high purpose for which it was born."



The Association humped its back and worked — but it also played, as evidenced by this harmonious trio leading the tonsil-spraining exercises at the cocktail party Saturday evening. Left to right they are Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, G-3, Texas State Guard; Chaplain Leopold Bujnowski, 5th Battalion, and Lieut. Fred Graham, also of the 5th Battalion, in Austin.

FOOD AND FUN MIXED WITH SERIOUS BUSINESS



Chaplain Bujnowski and two young ladies from the adjutant general's department applaud General Birkhead.



Capt. Carl Hardin, new association adjutant, helps out Miss Peggy Murphy in the capacity of G-4 during the banquet.



Colonel Thomas, Mrs. Mary Payne and Major Peacock heave out with song at the cocktail party Saturday night.



Food at the banquet was a highlight of the session. Conventers agreed that the meeting was one of the better things of the year.



Maj. Preston H. Kelly, 28th Bn., Corpus Christi, goes over the convention program with Capt. W. E. Adams, AGD, (extreme left) while others listen.



Maj. Lloyd Bentsen, chairman of the board (wearing dark shirt, center), laughs with a group of brothers-in-arms during the cocktail party.



Capt. J. Luther, 36th Battalion, San Antonio, was commended for his invention of the new Texas State Guard shoulder patch.



Maj. Charles O. Betts, retiring association adjutant, and Maj. Samuel R. Haggard, managing editor and director of the Texas Guardsman, discuss matters.

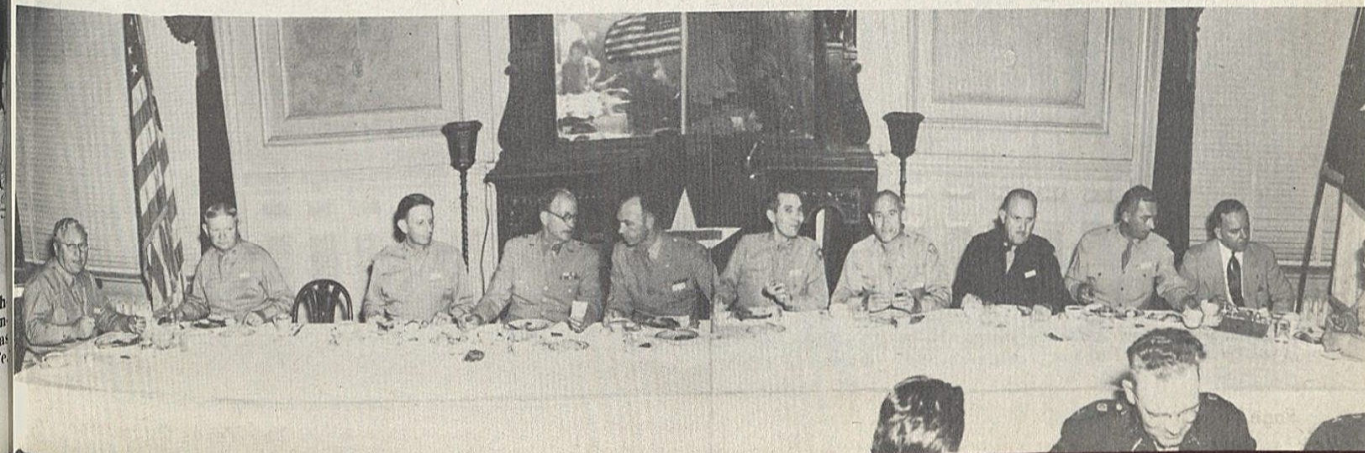


A group at the banquet talk about it over ice cream, coffee and cigars. At extreme right is Major Kennady, c. o. of the Fort Worth Battalion, T. S. G.



General Birkhead, Capt. "Spike" Cassidy, PMS&T at St. Edwards, and Lt. Col. Jones click a glass and a heel at the cocktail party.

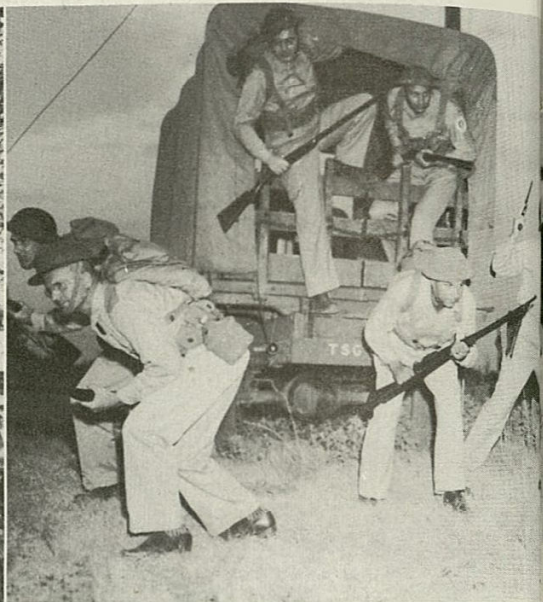
Below, a view of the banquet table with, left to right, Chaplain Reese, Colonel Banister, General Knickerbocker, General Birkhead, Major Peacock, Major Betts, Captain Ewers, Major Bentsen, Major Konken, Sam Foreman and Major Stillwell.



1100 GUARDSMEN BEAT "ENEMY" ATTACK



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De-trucking during an "air attack" are these state troops. Simulated strafing

19TH, 29TH, 35TH AND 51ST BATTALIONS FUNCTION AS TASK FORCE IN MOBILIZATION TRAINING EXERCISE

With the warning order that "enemy" troops had occupied all airports in the Houston-Galveston area, and that all federal troops had been committed to the besieged area, the 1,100 members of the four Texas State Guard battalions with headquarters in Dallas were alerted under the Task Force Alert plan at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 14th. Acting on reports that enemy air-borne troops were expected to attack airports located east of Dallas, the motor convoys moved from respective armories to a bivouac area near the town of Urbandale, strategically located between the White Rock Airport and the Lake June Airport, both likely enemy objectives.

Task Force Headquarters were moved from a downtown hotel to the "C" Company, 19th Battalion armory located near the bivouac area so that Task Force Commander, Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, and his staff could be near the scene of operations.

As the bivouac area was approached, frequent stops were made as occupants of the vehicles scrambled for cover at the approach of CAP planes which were scouting the area in preparation for their participation in the problem. One Army Liberator bomber pilot, obviously not a part of the program, but quick to observe the actions of the Guardsmen as he flew over, took high pleasure in delaying operations for nearly half an hour by scattering them with numerous "strafing" raids at low altitude.

With bivouac installations completed and evening mess over, tension was high among the four battalions, as no one knew when enemy operations would begin. At 10:00 p.m., Task Force Headquarters received information that a group of 130 fifth-columnists, fully armed, had been observed eight miles south of the bivouac area and were presumed to be heading for the Lake June Airport to assist in landing enemy troops. The 35th, commanded by Major James Cumby, and the 51st, commanded by Major Harold Younger, were ordered to patrol the area and capture or exterminate the enemy force.

Unknown to other units, "C" Company of the 19th, previously designated by Colonel Thomas to act as the "enemy," had slipped out of the bivouac area and hurriedly mined bridges, set land mines and thrown up road blocks throughout the area which, unfortunately for the pursuers, is honey-combed with countless roads. Captain Robert M. Carter, commander of the enemy force, explained that they had a definite advantage as he and his men are thoroughly familiar with every foot of the terrain since their armory is located in the vicinity, and they had utilized this advantage by careful reconnaissance and map study during the week. Consequently, Captain Carter and his company of 75 men successfully captured and held the Lake June Airport against two battalions. He grudgingly

admits, however, that if a time limit had not been set on the motorized patrol problem, the score might have been different.

Unhappiest man during the night was a sergeant (who shall be nameless here for obvious reasons) who was let out of a patrol car at the intersection of two lonely roads at 2:00 a.m. to guard a "clue" left by the enemy while waiting for re-enforcements. Pushing his helmet back on his head, he leaned his sub-machinegun against a tree and relaxed on the roadbank. Not fifty feet from him General Knickerbocker rose up from behind a bush where he had been hiding and broke the still night with a hearty "Well, boys, we've been looking for some excitement all night. Let's just capture this sergeant and take him back." Three officers were accompanying the General as observers.

Although no further enemy action was anticipated before dawn, all battalions maintained continuous security throughout the night, and very fortunately so, as Captain Carter and his "paratroopers" initiated a campaign of attrition upon returning from the patrol problem. Because of their familiarity with every bush and gully in the area, they were able to slip past sentry lines unobserved and plant dynamite bombs with long fuses which several times shook sleeping guardsmen out of their cots and bed rolls.

At 8:45 Sunday morning, Major B. F. McLain, Major Earle Cabell and

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The Texas Guardsman

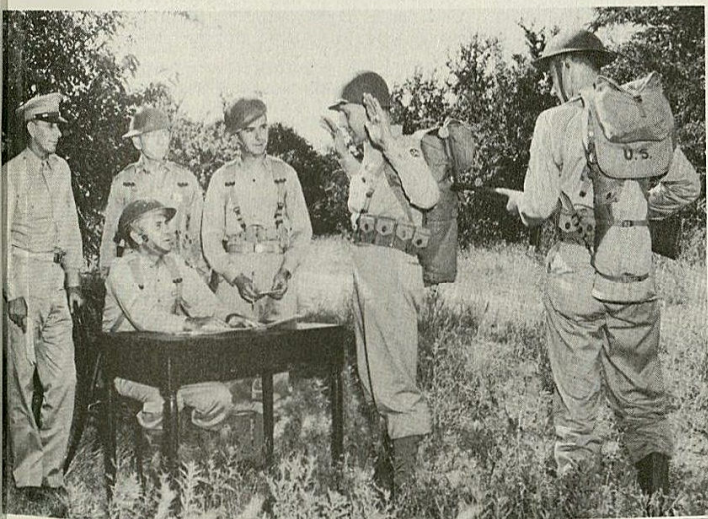
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and bombing from the air kept Guardsmen jumping.

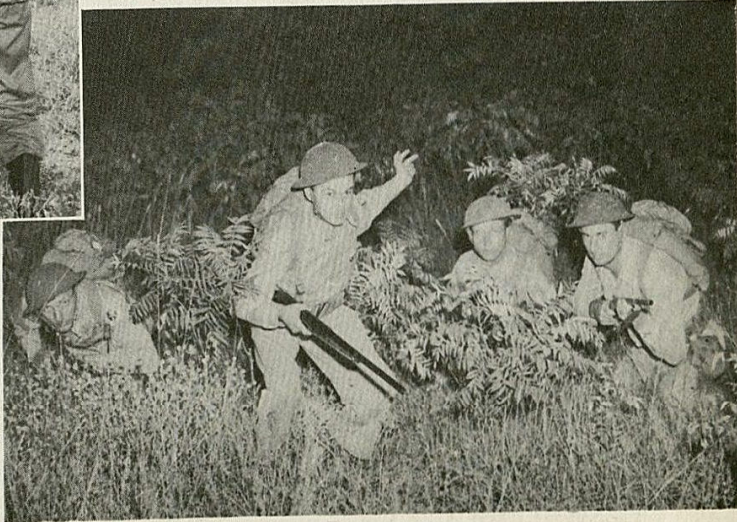


An "enemy" demolition detail sets a dynamite charge under a footbridge. On the bridge is Pfc. C. H. Barnes, and under the bridge, Pvt. Henry Boatman (left) and Pfc. O. D. Bates. All are members of Company C, 19th Battalion.



An "enemy" paratrooper, Corp. Jack C. Cleverger, is interrogated by Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, AGD, seated, during Dallas Maneuvers. Standing, left to right, are Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker, Maj. Thomas Gahagan, AGD, and Capt. John W. Kokernot, AGD.

Corp. Winston West signals a cautious advance to men of his patrol, concealed in the bushes. Left to right, Pvt. L. Fleming, Corp. Jack Haynes and Pfc. J. H. Duncan.



STATE WIDE RECRUITING



Here is a recruiting booth installed at the busiest corner in Mineral Wells during a recruiting drive this summer conducted by Company E, 15th Battalion, commanded by Capt. J. E. Belcher. On the table are tommy-guns, shotguns, gas guns, parachute flares and other weapons and materials used by the State Guard.



Here is an excellent window display installed in a downtown Dallas building during a county-wide recruiting drive this summer. Note artistic and skillful execution of trim, done by display experts who were glad to cooperate. Facts lettered on placards were made more interesting by display of Guard weapons.



Here is the objective of TEXAS STATE GUARD WEEK. Keep your eye on the ball! You can recruit more than enough men to bring your unit up to and beyond full strength, if you will tie in with the state wide program, and carry out your part of the plan. All those hoisted hands will be ample reward!

Units Throughout the State Will Sign Up New Members During "Texas State Guard Week"

The biggest and best opportunity TSG units have ever had to bring their rosters up to full strength—or to build a waiting list, if they are already full—will present itself during the week of November 7-13.

This is to be proclaimed "Texas State Guard Week" by Governor Coke Stevenson, and there will be state-wide ballyhoo to make the public in every Texas community State-Guard-conscious.

The week will follow the conclusion of the Field Mobilization Training Camps which have been held from the Panhandle to the Gulf during the summer. These MTC's have attracted public attention in the areas where they have been held.

Beaumont is still fresh in most minds. So is Bullis. Hence, "Texas State Guard Week" will make an impact on a receptive public. TSG units should have no trouble in increasing their strength to the surplus point.

But in order to do so, every unit must formulate a plan of action, and tie in with the state drive. Activities, suggested by the Adjutant General's Department, include the following:

"Obtain statements from civic, government and business leaders on the value of the Guard to your community, and the unselfish patriotic devotion of the officers and men who serve without compensation in the Texas State Guard. Use these statements in publicity releases and promotion during the week.

Don't forget newspaper advertisements like the one below! This page ad appeared in the Tyler paper and helped recruit many this summer. Reprints of such ads can be used as throw-aways and for mailing.



DRIVE to be Held NOV. 7-13

"Suggested mediums for promoting interest in enlistment in your unit during Texas State Guard Week:

- "1. Newspapers:
 - a. News Stories.
 - b. Editorials.
 - c. Advertisements.
2. Radio:
 - a. Speeches.
 - b. Interviews.
 - c. Spot announcements.
 - d. Inclusion in sponsored programs.
3. Posters, billboards and window displays.
4. Pamphlets or handbills, printed or mimeographed.
5. Personal contact.
6. Letters.
7. Recruiting Booths.
8. Demonstrations and parades.

"Perhaps the best procedure for you to follow in obtaining newspaper and radio publicity is to approach the editor of your local newspapers and the program director of your local radio stations and put your cards on the table, asking them to assist you in putting across your part of the state-wide recruiting. They know how, and will in most cases be pleased to give you their best reporters, photographers and talent.

"Just remember that you should approach them well in advance. This is especially true in radio. Don't forget the value of newspaper advertising. Some newspapers will donate page advertisements, and can arrange for merchants to mention 'Texas State Guard Week' in their store ads.

"To get window displays, contact the merchants in your community. At the same time you can discuss with them saying something about Texas State Guard Week in their newspaper advertisements and on their radio programs. Have posters printed, and provide other materials for window displays. The merchant will expect you to furnish the material in most cases. The assistance of a good display man will prove invaluable.

"Invite the leaders in your community to speak for the Guard on the radio, and at public assemblies. Pick the best of the speakers in your company or battalion, and let them make recruiting speeches, too.

"Recruiting booths located at favorable locations on the main streets and in the lobbies of office buildings will most likely prove the best way to capitalize upon the interest the publicity will create. After all, the purpose of the ballyhoo is to get men to serve in the Guard, so you have to provide for 'closing the sale.' Booths offer your best opportunity, but you can invite interested men to come to your armory. You can do this in all your publicity.

"The general plan of the state-wide drive contemplates two weeks of intensive activity: One week prior to the week designated as 'Texas State Guard Week,' and the other the week itself. Your publicity should follow the same plan. It is suggested that the first announcement be released on Monday, November 1, and that it deal with the services your unit has rendered to the community, quoting the mayor or some other leader in your city.

"On successive days during the week other statements on the same or similar themes made by other leaders in your community can be used. As the week draws to a close, shift the emphasis to

the recruiting drive that your unit will conduct the following week. A statement from you, as commander of the unit, concerning the need of red-blooded men, will prove valuable.

Don't forget the power of the newspaper editorial, to augment the news story.

"Many state-wide radio programs will make an appeal for enlistment in the Guard during State Guard Week. One of these is 'showtime,' on TQN at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, November 5. You will be sent advance announcements of these programs. Pass this information on to the radio editor of your local newspaper, asking for a news story or mention in the radio column. This will increase the size of the audience which will hear the programs devoted to the Guard.

"It is suggested that on Monday, November 7, all members of the Texas State Guard wear their uniforms all day. This will stimulate comment and show the public that their neighbors and co-workers are Guardsmen and proud of it. It would also afford an opportunity for each member to answer questions and distribute prepared literature on the Guard. Pictures of Guardsmen of various occupations, in uniform, can be made for the newspapers on this day.

"In all publicity and prepared material the drill nights and armory location should be specified.

"It is suggested that all TSG units hold an 'open house' on their drill night during Texas State Guard Week, and that each member make a sincere effort to have all his friends and neighbors attend. The public should be invited too. Entertainment and demonstrations to promote an interest in service in the Guard should be planned.

"Each company commander should address a personal invitation to the employees of every man in his command.

"Bear in mind that Texas State Guard Week comes to an end on November 11, Armistice Day, and that a beneficial tie-in with the Armistice Day program of your community should be arranged. Recruiting booths, of course, should be in operation all day Armistice Day, when patriotic fervor is at a peak.

A GOOD IDEA

Here is a plan for promoting interest in service in the Guard submitted by Capt. Francis D. Eistetter, commanding Company C, 13th Battalion, Laredo:

"One officer and a half a dozen selected non-coms to appear at various business men's clubs such as the Lions, Rotary, Optimists, K. of C., Lulacs, Church Clubs, the American Legion, etc.

"The officer in charge to make a short talk on the meaning and purposes of the Guard, then each man to give a demonstration as to how each of our various weapons is used.

After each club has been contacted in the above manner, we will issue an invitation to all of them, all City and County Officials, as well as the general public. At this time selected, fully-trained men of the Battalion will give actual demonstrations of the various riot formations, close order drill, extended order drill, etc."

HOW DALLAS DID IT

One of the most successful cooperative recruiting drives conducted by TSG units was held in Dallas this summer on a county-wide basis.

The adjutants of Dallas' four battalions, with Capt. Jack Pew, adjutant of the 19th, as chairman, made up an enlisting committee. A publicity committee was headed by Capt. Stanley W. Foran, and Staff Sgt. Frank Barnhouse, 51st Battalion, headed a committee on window displays.

The campaign was successful because individual jobs were assigned to competent people, and the individual jobs were properly coordinated.

As an example, the following comment on the use of various materials was made by Captain Foran:

"Ideal use of the combination of materials and contact routines is (1) to have a window trim displayed in a store's window facing a main street, (2) to prominently display in the window a card inviting the observer to enter the place of business and get a mimeographed 'fact sheet' showing all the units, enlisting officers, and time, place and night of each unit's regular meetings, together with Guard 'facts,' (3) to have these sheets conveniently available at an information booth inside the main entrance of the business establishment, (4) to post a letter from the president or head of a firm on the firm's bulletin board along with a two-color circular devoted to the Guard."

The plan of having heads of firms urge their male employees by letter to serve in the Texas State Guard was carried out under the leadership of Maj. B. F. McLain, commanding the 19th Battalion and president of the TSG Officers' Council of Dallas County.

HOW AUSTIN PROPOSES TO DO IT

Opening up its campaign to get new recruits with a full page spread in the Sunday, Nov. 7 Austin newspaper, the 5th Battalion will stir up interest in the guard by radio talks, newspaper stories, civic club action, and close the drive with a big parade down Congress Avenue during the week of the state-wide drive, Nov. 7-13. Then the members of the 5th Battalion will get out and get their recruits by just plain hard work of personal contact.

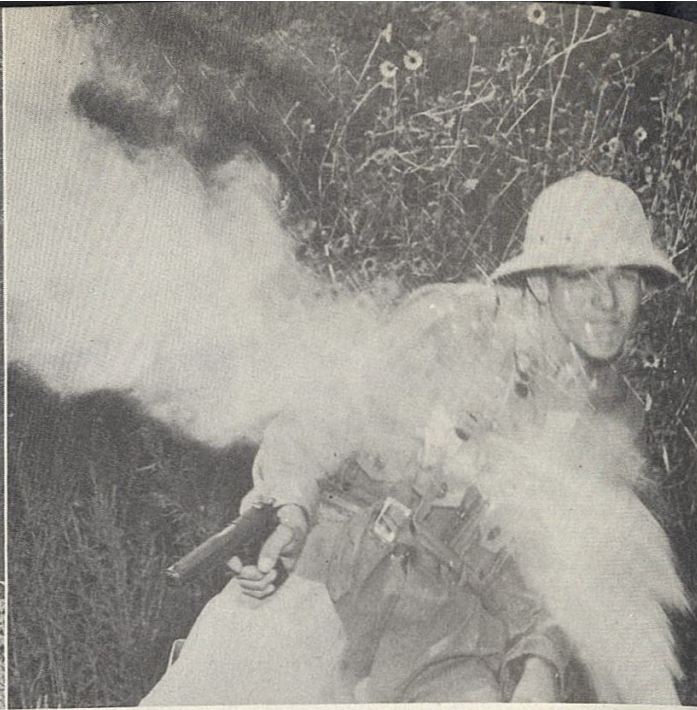
A rousing pep rally Monday night at Camp Mabry in lieu of the scheduled (Continued on page 33)



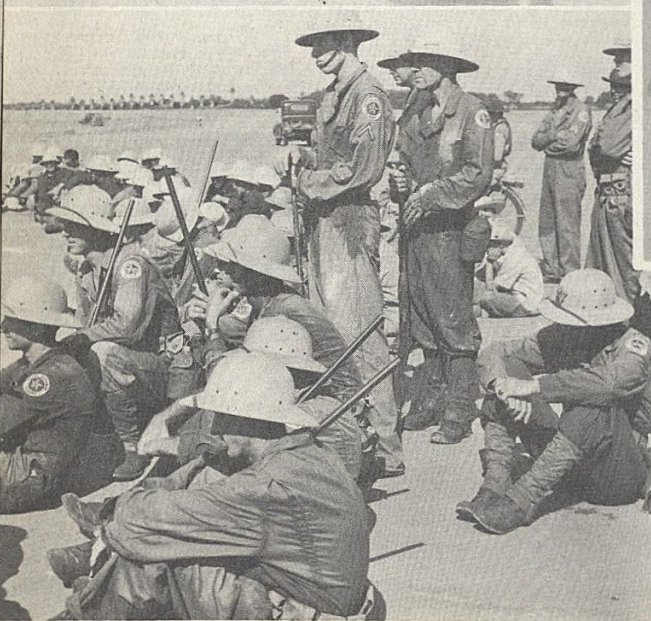
Meet an ace recruiter from the 5th Battalion, Austin—1st Sgt. Shelby Morgan of Company A. He enlisted 17 new men in one night. See if one of your boys can top that record during TEXAS STATE GUARD WEEK. Capt. Sherman Bordwell, left, congratulates him.



Well hidden behind a bank of foliage, a Guardsman lofts a home-made hand grenade into the air after picking out his target. He has his shotgun handy in case the grenade misses its mark.



And this is the target! Pvt. Billy Vertrees of Company E at Donna dodges the missile—a paper sack full of flour—but some gets on him and in the parlance of the referees he's a "casualty." Note that he was ready with his automatic.



In the picture at left above, men of the 31st Battalion loaded down with field packs, rifles and other gear, were glad to take it easy after the end of the maneuver was signaled.

Above, official referees for the maneuvers were supplied by the army and air forces. Umpires, kneeling, left to right were: Maj. Joe Kilgore of Mission; Capt William Compton, of McAllen; Lt. Jimmie Oakes, of Ft. Ringgold, and Lt. James Thurman, Ft. Ringgold. Standing, left to right, are Corp. Andrew Aurigenna, Sgt. Edgar Svenningsen, St. Sgt. Thomas Freeman, St. Fred House, Sgt. C. E. Tijerina, Sgt. J. O. Taylor and Sgt. William Kelly, all of Ft. Ringgold.

Inset above is a closeup of the smoke screen operation, with a group of men coming out of a thick cloud coming up from left.

At left, soaked with perspiration after two hours of heavy activity in the field, Guardsmen pull up for a rest and listen to the critique which followed the big exercise, largest the battalion has staged since the Valley-wide maneuvers at Harlingen in June.



The Guardsmen's ability to work with a smoke screen was tested when a group of men from the Harlingen Army Air Field staged a demonstration in use of such a screen. The 31st Battalion's companies were then marched through the billowing clouds, from one of which they are here shown emerging.



Ready for the enemy's attack, Lt. L. A. Smith of Company A at Mission directs the fire of one of his men behind a thick hedge. That "hog leg" looks like it could account for itself, all right. Lt. Smith's unit was among the "invaders."



At left, Maj. Lloyd M. Bentsen, commanding officer of the 31st Bn.; at right, Capt. R. P. Conway, plans and training officer.



At left is Corp. Horace Etchison (mayor of McAllen) and at right Sgt. Edgar E. Martin, who turned in the maneuver's best sniping exhibition by picking off eight men without being discovered.

MISSION AIRPORT IS SCENE OF BITTER FIGHTING

UNITS OF 31ST BATTALION BATTLE, WITH HEAVY CASUALTIES AMONG INVADERS AND DEFENDERS

Two hundred fifty men of the 31st Battalion, TSG, staged a mock invasion of the Shary Municipal Airport at Mission and its recapture by friendly troops August 21-22 in a field maneuver which included everything from nighttime sniping and patrol work to daylight use of a smoke screen.

Maj. Lloyd M. Bentsen was in personal command throughout the operation, which got under way Saturday night, August 21, with two of the battalion's seven companies seizing the airport north of Mission and the five other companies, plus the headquarters detachment, encamping on the Shary Municipal Golf Course a half mile to the east behind a large patch of dense brush.

Major Bentsen's command post at the golf course functioned throughout the night, with night patrols sending in reconnaissance reports that set up the intelligence staff's plans for the following day. Capt. Roy P. Conway, plans and training officer who mapped the maneuver in advance, saw to it that all advance preparations were complete, and Lt. Frank Van Ness, G-2, spent the

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Here is another view of the crowd after action has ceased. At lower left is a portion of the battalion's headquarters detachment with Tech. Sergeant Charles Owens (hand on hip) in charge.

(All photos by Corp. Thoreau Willat of Moore Field, Tex.)

OUTLINE FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND EMPLOYMENT OF

THE "E" SQUAD

By CAPT. JOSEPH M. MURPHY, S-1, 2nd Battalion, Houston

Conditions Favoring the Organization and Use of the "E" Squad

1. From time to time, various Texas State Guard units have been mobilized, in actual emergency use and for tactical training, with the inevitable result that some badly needed squad leaders and even higher non-commissioned officers, along with key privates of most squads, are not available for duty.

2. The result of this creates a confusing problem of re-organization for company commanders and for platoon leaders, whereby the various platoons and squads, even half-squads, must be re-organized for the emergency duty ahead.

3. This problem is not so difficult to solve when large units are assigned missions, such as guarding large bridges, power plants, railway installations, for in these cases sufficient officers and non-coms are available to do a thorough job of supervision and CONTROL.

4. This problem changes completely, however, when a company, for example, finds its mission quite scattered in area, and requiring numerous small parties for its accomplishment. CONTROL here is the only salvation for the company officers.

5. CONTROL can only be attained when competent and well-trained officers and non-coms can carefully supervise operations, keep up communications with the company CP, and make sure that what is observed at a given point is transmitted to the company commander.

6. With time taken out for squad re-organization (which time may seriously handicap the accomplishment of the mission) there will be switches in non-coms (squad leaders) and the privates making up the squads, so the changes involved in adopting the "E Squad" Plan do not complicate its adoption in an emergency.

7. Under the present system of employment of TSG troops in training programs, and in actual aid to the civil authorities, it has been my observation that two things actually occur:

- Too many employed at one point;
- Too few employed at one point.

8. The situation in a. is caused generally by:

A desire to respect the integrity of the squad; to keep it complete; to avoid interference with the squad leader by splitting up his men.

The situation in b. is caused generally by:

Poor attendance of the squad; and due to lack of time or other reasons, the squad is not built up to take care of its mission.

Now—let's take a look at an average attendance of two companies of the Texas State Guard:

Company A, 56th Battalion: (strength 3 officers, 75 EM)

Present:

- 3 Officers
- 1 First Sergeant
- 1 Sergeant (guide)
- 2 Platoon Sergeants
- 1 Supply Sergeant
- 1 Mess Sergeant
- 6 Corporals
- 40 Privates and pfc

The situation: Here we have our key officers and non-coms, but our avail-

able privates and privates 1st class to compose the squads may leave some squads with just enough men to carry out a small task, with others too weak in manpower to carry out any important assignment. RE-ORGANIZATION would give the commander six 6-to-7-man squads. That situation would not be too bad if that company were assigned from one to five separate tasks.

Company C, 58th Battalion: (strength 3 officers, 64 enlisted men)

Present:

- 3 Officers
- 1 First Sergeant
- 1 Sergeant (guide)
- 2 Platoon Sergeants
- 1 Supply Sergeant
- 1 Mess Sergeant
- 6 Corporals
- 32 Privates and Privates first class

The situation: Here we have a still greater proportion of officers and non-coms to privates and privates first class. Re-organization would make available about five squads of approximately 8 men each. This situation would be workable if that company were assigned not more than one to four tasks.

How the "E Squad" System Might Solve These Problems

The "E" Squad is arbitrarily so called because it is an Emergency squad. The "E" Squad system contemplates that in addition to training in regular-sized squads of the platoon, all men of every company would receive training in the use of the "E" Squad.

Briefly, the only difference between the functioning of the "E" Squad and that of a full-strength squad is that FIVE men are so trained that by more skillful training, and by working together on smaller problems where the "E" Squad is more or less a self-contained unit, they actually effect a conservation of manpower, born of dire necessity.

Let us look at four possible types of "E" Squads:

"E" Squad (1)

1. Squad leader (shotgun)
2. Private (shotgun)
3. Private (shotgun)
4. Private (shotgun)
5. Private, 2d in Command or Pfc. (shotgun)

"E" Squad (2)

1. Squad leader (shotgun)
2. Private (tommygun)
3. Private (shotgun)
4. Private (shotgun)
5. Private, 2d in Command or Pfc. (shotgun)

"E" Squad (3)

1. Squad leader (shotgun)
2. Private (shotgun)
3. Private (Gas grenades, pistol)
4. Private (shotgun)
5. Private, 2d in Command or Pfc. (shotgun)

"E" Squad (4)

1. Squad leader (shotgun)
2. Private (shotgun)
3. Private (concertinas, pistol or ropes)
4. Private (shotgun)
5. Private, 2d in Command or Pfc. (shotgun)

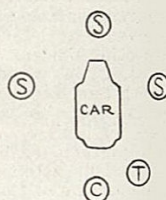
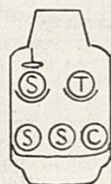
For more involved tasks, combinations of these four "E" Squads, could be assigned to work together, one group for protection, the other for a special mission, such as gassing an area or setting up road barricades of a lighter nature.

The "E" Squad in Actual Use

Example 1: A MOTOR PATROL

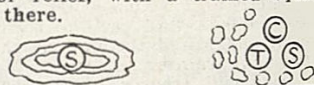
The 6-man type of patrol in a light pick-up truck is the ideal set-up for this work, but few companies will have such conveyances available. Usually, in spite of its deficiencies, the five-passenger 2-door or 4-door sedan will have to suffice. Here, due to the limited passenger capacity, the 5-man "E" Squad just fits.

IN THE CAR: ON THE GROUND (All around protection)



Example 2: AN OUTGUARD

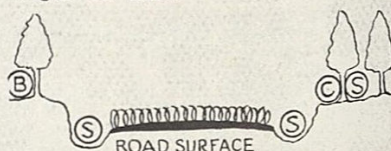
Here is an example of an outguard, two men on duty, two resting and available for relief, with a trained squad leader there.



KEY
S: Shotgun
C: Squad Leader
T: Tommygun

Example 3: A ROAD BLOCK

Here one man has brought the concertinas for the road block, two men (or more) can cover it with fire or act as searchers, with the squad leader and two men resting, or waiting for emergency use. No shuttling of reliefs required here, for a reasonable length of time.



Example 4: GUARDING A SMALL INSTALLATION

Here two men are on post, with the squad leader and two relief men resting and available for duty, if trouble develops. This unit is self-contained, requires no shuttling for relief for a reasonable period of time, and may be fed conveniently by delivery of cooked food at one spot.

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FEDERAL INSPECTION

AUSTIN'S 5TH BATTALION
GETS A GOING-OVER BY
COLONEL TUTUER AND
PASSES WITH FLYING
COLORS



Col. C. M. Tutuer peers down the spotless barrel of Corporal Carl O. Warner's weapon during the regular army inspection of the 5th Bn., Austin.

The 5th Battalion, Austin, passed its Federal inspection with flying colors and received a satisfactory rating from the inspecting officer.

Col. C. M. Tutuer, representing the Eighth Service Command, peered down all the gun barrels and found not a speck of dust or rust, and scrutinized each uniform carefully and found not a button unfastened when he conducted an inspection of the troops, records, uniforms, equipment, and training methods of the 5th Battalion at Camp Mabry the latter part of August.

Inspection of the battalion staff officers, headquarters detachment and two companies of the battalion began promptly at 7 o'clock when Col. Tutuer arrived in a staff car the night of his visit, and lasted throughout the entire two-hour training period.

Financial records of the companies first were opened for checking of the accounts, clean and shining guns next were handed the inspection officer by the supply sergeants, and carefully stowed gas masks, winter uniforms, and other

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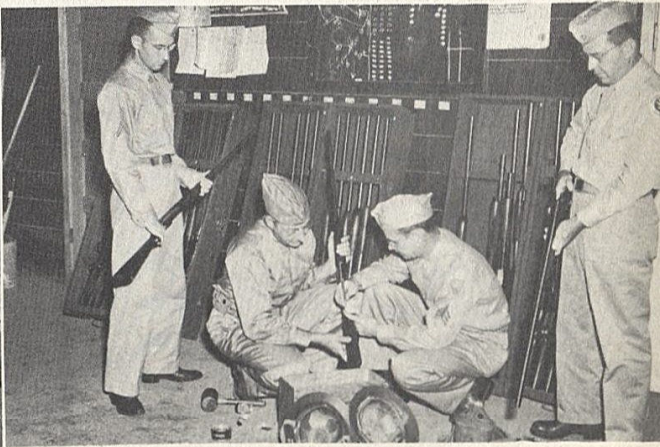
Neatly stacked uniforms, webb belts and other property in the supply room were ready for the inspection. Sergeant Schulle is outfitting the newest recruit in the 5th Bn., Pvt. Ted LaBauve, who stood federal inspection on his maiden drill night.



Maj. Charles O. Betts, commanding the 5th, tells Company C officers that a Federal inspection is coming, and warns them to be ready for it.



These members of the 5th Battalion were ready and had everything spick and span when inspection night arrived. Under the watchful eye of Sgt. Arthur Wilson, left, men of Co. D are busy with cleaning rods, shine rags and brushes to make a "spit and polish" appearance.



Supply Sergeant William Schulle, third man from left, stencils a number on the stock of each gun. Each man knows the number of his weapon, and is responsible for keeping it clean. Waiting for their gun stocks to be stenciled are, left to right, Corporal Sheppard and Privates Stallings and Bird.



General Knickerbocker thanks Major Peacock and the Association for the flags. Standing behind the General and Major Peacock are civilian employees of the Adjutant General's Department and, left to right, Col. Neill H. Banister, chief of staff; Capt. John W. Kerknot; Lt. Col. Royal G. Phillips, G-2; Lt. Col. Sidney C. Mason, G-4; Maj. George D. Spencer and Lt. Col. James C. Jones, G-3.

ASSOCIATION PRESENTS FLAGS TO GENERAL

In a simple but impressive ceremony witnessed by the General Staff and civilian employees of the Adjutant General's Department, Maj. Donald W. Peacock, president of the Texas State Guard Officers Association, presented Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker, the commanding general of the Texas State Guard, with matched silk flags, the National Colors and the Lone Star of Texas, on behalf of the Officers Association on Saturday, August 21st.

"These flags are presented to you as a symbol of appreciation for your courageous and understanding leadership," Major Peacock said. "We hope that you will keep them in your office as a constant reminder of our confidence and our affection."

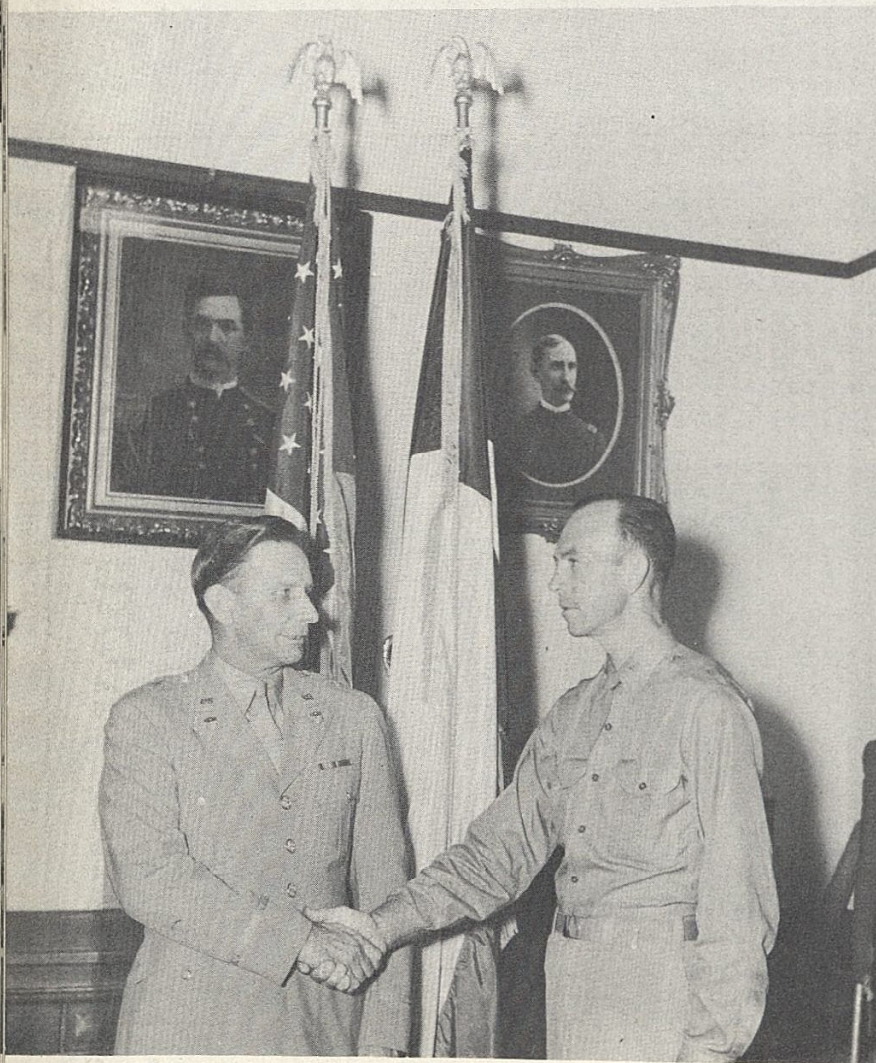
"When your tenure of office is concluded, and we hope that this will not be until you have reached retirement age, you are to regard these flags as your personal property, and we hope that you will take them with you as we would like to be remembered by you for the rest of your life."

In acceptance, General Knickerbocker said that no gift could be more acceptable to him. "I pledge to the officers you represent that I will always do my utmost to be worthy of your faith in me as evidenced by these beautiful flags."

Also present for the ceremony were two former staff officers, Lt. Col. Dallas Matthews and Lt. Col. Clark C. Wren, both retired.



Standing before the beautiful matched silk flags of the United States and Texas are General Knickerbocker and the president of the Officers' Association. Portraits of former adjutant generals of Texas hang on the wall.



Home Study Course

FOR TEXAS GUARDSMEN

LESSON NO. 4

School of the Dismounted Soldier With Arms (Shotguns)

(9) **Care.** It must be remembered that this piece is primarily a sporting gun and will not stand the heavy treatment usually afforded a rifle. The piece should not be needlessly cocked and the trigger pulled. It should not be dropped to the ground when going through the manual. Care should be exercised to handle the metal parts of the gun as they are used in firing or drilling. It should be thoroughly cleaned and oiled.

(a) **LACK OF PROPER CARE.** By "proper care" is meant not only the thorough cleaning of the gun after use, but the close inspection of all working parts. Inspect your gun closely at each cleaning and have any cracked or broken parts replaced at once. In your inspection look for these points:

- (1) Barrel obstruction
- (2) Breach Block Locking
- (3) Safety Lock
- (4) Hammer Falls As Action Closes
- (5) Dented Barrels

VI. Nomenclature of the Pump Action Type Gun.

A. All Guardsmen should be familiar with the correct names and more important parts. (See Plate No. 4.)

The ACTION varies as to details of construction and parts. Regardless of the shape and placement of parts the Action of every gun includes these basic elements:

- (1) The BREACH BLOCK, which pushes the cartridge into the chamber and seals it there.
- (2) AN ACTUATING ROD OR LEVER which operates to open and close the breach block. The power is supplied by the shooter in the case of the ordinary repeating gun. A pump action gun has a lever which is pushed by the powder gases which have already pushed the shot down the barrel while the closing power is furnished by a powerful RETURN SPRING. Basically, the action is the same whether the power is supplied by muscle or by powder and spring.
- (3) A CARRIER or FOLLOWER which holds the cartridge from the magazine and holds it in position for the breach block

to push it into the chamber. This carrier is synchronized with the breach block and is operated by the same actuating rod or lever.

(4) A FIRING PIN driven forward by a hammer blow. Firing Pin is located inside the breach block.

(5) AN EXTRACTOR which hooks the rim of the cartridge and withdraws it from the chamber as the breach block pulls away from the breach.

(6) AN EJECTOR which kicks cartridge out of the gun after it has been pulled clear by the extractor.

(7) A TRIGGER MECHANISM to fire the gun.

(8) A SAFETY MECHANISM which may be utilized to prevent the firing of the gun.

B. Single Shot and Double Barrel Guns. (1) The action is much more simple than in other types described above.

(2) Instead of the receiver with its movable breach block, this gun has an immovable breach block known as a STANDARD BREACH.

(3) The barrels are pivoted to the forward end of the receiver which in guns of this type is called the FRAM. As the barrels are swung down on their pivot the extractor withdraws the cartridges so that they may be removed by hand or kicked out by the foot.

(4) The barrels are swung upward on their pivot to load by hand.

(5) As the barrels are swung upward on their pivot the gun is mechanically cocked and the rear end of the barrels is pressed tightly against the standing breach. The metal cartridge head forms a gas-tight seal to seal the breach.

(6) The barrels are locked in firing position by a BOLT and LATCH. The bolt is operated inside the frame. The latch is mounted on top of the frame just behind the standing breach.

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QUESTIONS

1. Why is the "CEASE FIRING" command the most mandatory of all commands in all firing exercises?
2. Explain the correct procedure TO LOAD the single or double barrel shotgun.
3. Name the component parts of the shotgun cartridge.
4. What does proper care of the shotgun include?
5. What is the function of the BREACH BLOCK?
6. Locate the FIRING PIN.
7. What is the difference in the function of the EXTRACTOR and the EJECTOR?
8. Explain the correct manner to UNLOAD the Repeating Shotgun.
9. What is the cartridge capacity in the magazine of the Repeating shotgun?
10. Enumerate five points you should look for in the inspection of your shotgun.

CORRECT ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF "THE TEXAS GUARDSMAN"

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FOLD ALONG THIS LINE

I. Loading and Firing.

A. Rules governing the loading and firing of a pump or repeating, double and single barrel shotguns.

(1) For all operations, the front of the unit is larger than a squad always the loading and firing. A squad is always formed in line preliminary to such firing. For this type of firing, only cartridges which have had the shot removed will be used.

(2) Guns are loaded and locked before any orders for firing are given. The breech block is locked by pushing the lock forward or backward as shown on the gun. The stock block is usually located at the rear of the stock immediately behind the frame as shown in Plate No. 1.

(3) Except during firing, if guns have been ordered loaded and locked they are kept loaded and locked without command until the command UNLOAD or FIRE is given. During which shells cartridges will be loaded and/or barrel have been inserted.

(4) LOAD. The unit being any formation standing at a halt, the command is: 1. WITH GUARD AMMUNITION. 2. LOAD. At the command LOAD, each front rank man faces half right and carries the right foot 12 inches to the right and to stand in position as will insure type of gun and position will determine the movements to complete the command.

B. Commands used in ALL firing: (1) "FIRST RELAY ON THE FIRING LINE." The first coach of each pair will step to the firing line with an empty gun in action open. The second coach will signal the Chief Instructor as per arrangement, and when all are ready, the Chief Instructor will command:

"READY ON THE RIGHT?"

"READY ON THE LEFT?" If any one is not ready, from these commands are given immediately say "Not ready" and correct No. (?) and the instructor of that group will give his assistance at once to clear the trouble. If no one announces his unreadiness, the Chief Instructor will then command:

"LOAD. If more than one cartridge is to be loaded the Chief Instructor will specify the exact number at the time guns are loaded. The instructor will load the gun and engage the stock block. The instructor will step forward to the coach's left, take the gun and assume the READY POSITION—Plate No. 2. The next command will be—

"READY ON THE FIRING LINE!" Each shooter remains at the Ready Position with safety engaged.

"COMMENCE FIRING." Upon this command each pupil may proceed to fire under ready and the squads will carry on under direct command of the Assistant Instructor.

"CEASE FIRING." This is the most mandatory of all commands. ALL firing must STOP immediately when that command is given. Though a man is not firing, he must immediately take his finger off the trigger and set the safety. You never know WHY the Range Officer has commanded "CEASE FIRING" and if you let off a shot you may find yourself responsible for someone's death.

"UNLOAD." Pick up your brass; students will police the range.

II. Mechanical Characteristics of Operation. A. Single Shot and Double Barrel Types. (1) TO LOAD. Hold gun pointed at the ground left hand on wooden fore-end, right hand around small of stock. To open push locking lever to right with thumb of right hand. (This lever is located on top of tang immediately to rear of standing breach.) Opening loaded chambers which can be seen through the TO CLOSE AND COCK GUN. Hold in loading position of barrel is flush with standing breach and until locked in that position. This action automatically cocks all guns which have concealed hammers. On exposed hammer models it is necessary to cock the arm by drawing hammer back to rear most position.

TO ENGAGE SAFETY. Safety must be engaged immediately automatically on exposed hammer models. Many guns carry device when gun is closed, either safeties must be engaged manually after closing gun. Safety is located on tang and is engaged by being pulled to the rear.

TO UNLOAD. Open gun in position for loading and extractor will pull cartridge from chamber to position where fingers be removed completely with the fingers.

III. Ammunition. A. The shotgun cartridge, which for some unknown reason has come to be so only called by the misleading title "shell" is composed of—

- (1) The case
 - (2) The primer
 - (3) The powder
 - (4) The wads
 - (5) The shot charge
- (See Plate 3)
- B. Contrary to what you may think "Buckshot" is not the only thing you load for guard duty. There are three types of shotgun cartridges which we may use depending upon the type of work to be done.
- (1) Heavy "dunkloads" of about No. 4 size.
 - (2) Buckshot—No. "0" and No. "00."
 - (3) Solid rifled slug.

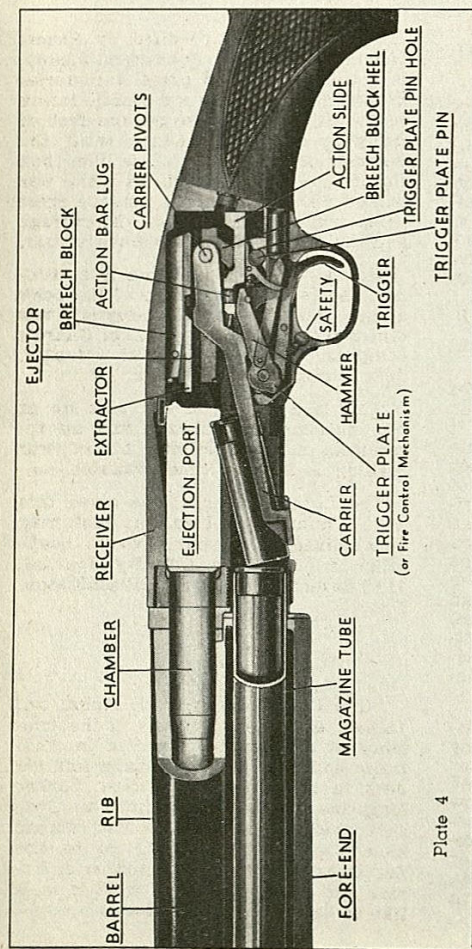


Plate 4

(a) In the load marked "No. 4 shot" there are about 170 pellets.
(b) In the buckshot loads there are 12 balls of No. "0" size or 9 balls of the "00" size.
(c) The rifle slug weighs approximately one ounce.

IV. Safety in the Handling of Firearms.

A. Here are the common sense safety rules:

- (1) Treat Every Gun as a Loaded Gun. The person who indulges in this dangerous habit with a gun belongs in the same cell with the smart boy who robs the canoe. 80% of all gun accidents would never have occurred if people had treated every gun as a loaded gun.
- (2) Always Keep the Muzzle Pointed in a Safe Direction. 98% of all firearms accidents could not POSSIBLY have occurred had this simple rule been obeyed.
- (3) Personally Examine Every Gun You Pick Up. Make Sure It is Not Loaded. Pick it up. EVERY TIME you pick it up.
- (4) Always Unload. Always unload a gun before handing it to another person before entering a boat or car, climbing or going under a fence or entering a house. If you are on active duty under such circumstances as to render it inadvisable to EMPTY the gun, open the action.
- (5) Always Inspect the Barrel, Chamber and Action Before Loading. This is done to make sure that there are no obstructions from any debris which might be carried from the chamber to the barrel to cause a blown-up gun. Never try to shoot heavy grease out of the bore.
- (6) Always Move the Safety Latch to the "SAFE" Position as the Action is Closed. This should become a natural habit.
- (7) Keep Your Fingers Off the Trigger and Safety Latch Until Ready to Fire. Keep your hand around the outside of the trigger guard.

(8) Never Carry Any Ammunition Except That for Your Gun. In the excitement of an expected fight you may load the wrong cartridge. If you do you will help the enemy, not your friends.

(9) Always Be Sure of Your Target Before Firing. Do not fire without being sure of your target and be sure that you have killed or wounded a friend.

(10) Never Try to Mix Gunpowder and Alcohol. The combination is more dangerous than gasoline and alcohol.

V. Nomenclature of Repeating Shotgun.

A. General.

Repeating Shotgun, 12 gauge. It is essential that every soldier armed with this gun be familiar with the names of its principal parts, its operation and its care. The principal parts that the soldier will be required to know are shown in Plate 1. He should know how to identify them by the following names: Frame, Trigger Guard, Trigger, Magazine, Magazine Plug, Receiver, Lock Nut, and Release Lever.

(2) Before assembling this type of shotgun, care should be exercised to have the sliding breech back in the rear of the frame. If the sliding breech is in the forward part of the frame, the extractors will extend into the parallel grooves in the barrel and the barrel cannot be inserted the full way. To move the sliding breech rearward, press upward on the release lever, which is located on the left side of the frame opposite the rear part of the trigger guard. While pressing on the release lever, move the sliding breech to the rear, after which the barrel can be placed all the way into the frame.

To Assemble Gun: Grasp frame in one hand and barrel in other. Insert the breech on the barrel into the grooves on the barrel. Push the barrel down with bottom of frame. Grasp slide handle (operating handle) and pull downward as far as possible until it snaps into position. Then turn magazine tube to the left

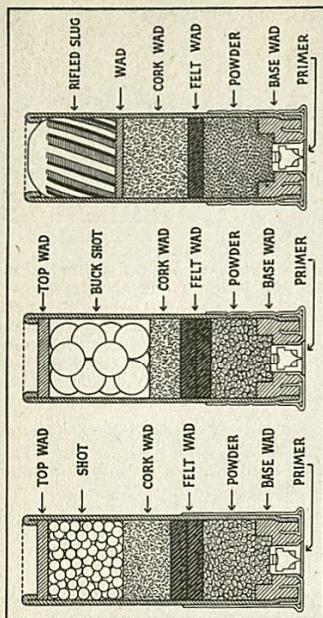
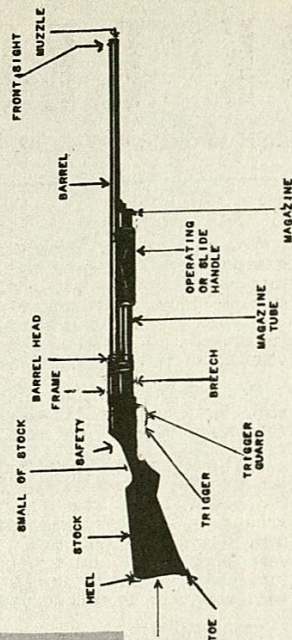


Plate 3

NOMENCLATURE OF REPEATING SHOTGUN PLATE NO. 1



by the milled surface until the lock-nut enters notches on the side of the frame. Be sure that magazine tube is turned down tight and pull slide handle forward until action is locked.

(3) **To Disassemble Gun:** Push Release Lever on left side of frame upward until slide (operating) handle is pulled back. Grasp frame in one hand and barrel in other. Push magazine tube by milled surface into notches out of the notches. Grasp frame in one hand and barrel in the other with hands close together and pull barrel out of frame about 1/4 inch, or as far as it will go, (this will disconnect the slide handle bar from the action) before drawing slide handle forward.

(4) **To Load Magazine:** Close action by pushing slide handle forward; turn gun upside down. Insert cartridges in magazine which holds five cartridges. Push release lever leftward and barrel will slide handle quickly backward and forward. Another cartridge may then be inserted into magazine, making six cartridges in the magazine.

ridges in the gun. (For military purposes this is not advocated.) The gun is now loaded and cocked, ready to fire. The best results are obtained by operating the slide or operating handle rapidly.

(6) **To Single Shot Load:** The breech being open, drop cartridge into frame and close gun, by sliding operating handle forward. The gun is now loaded, cocked and ready to fire.

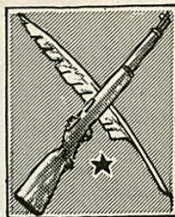
(7) **Sighting:** The top of frame is designed to facilitate ease for sighting the gun, the short milled surface in the top of the frame is used to prevent the blurring of the eye. Glance down this milled groove and line your front sight on the object which is to be fired upon.

(8) **To Unload Gun:** Put safety on. Turn upside down, press down lifter, and cartridges will immediately start out of the magazine tube. Push release lever leftward and barrel will slide handle quickly backward and forward. Another cartridge may then be inserted into magazine, making six cartridges in the magazine.



BOOK REVIEWS

By CAPT. JOSEPH M. MURPHY — S-1, 2nd Battalion, Houston



JUST mention the word "books" and right off you get a startled look and a question from the average State Guardsman; "How in the world can I possibly find time to read any more books than I do?" But if that average Guardsman will just take a little inventory of his reading program to date, in the light of required reading, he will usually find that he hasn't read quite as much as he thinks he has.

Reading of good literature is an acquired habit. It is a habit that comes from self-discipline. And certainly a military man should know something of, and practice, self-discipline. It requires better than average patience and will power to set out for one's self a reading program to be accomplished, and to see that program through. But it can be done, and those who do set up for themselves such a program will find their whole approach to their jobs, their military careers, and their daily lives considerably enriched.

It is realized that the reading requirements for a State Guardsman are rather time-consuming, and the many things necessary to read are tremendously important if one is to carry out his military responsibilities properly, but there is such a thing as laboring too long and too much over dry manuals to the exclusion of all else. You have met men who could recite from memory reams and reams of military doctrine and technique, but who were dull and unimaginative otherwise. Technical reading, blended with some current military writing, gives one a diversion, and as you read the news stories of today's war movements you find yourself unconsciously analyzing the reasons for many military actions.

It is the purpose of this column to increase interest in books and reading. Particular emphasis will be placed on those that have to do with the present war, with a view of making every State Guardsman better able to do his job.

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"UNDER COVER," by John Roy Carlson, (Dutton, \$3.50), is one of the most widely read and quoted books of the hour. It reveals the whole structure of Axis efforts to create a secret army within the United States, spawned in the dark recesses of our social strata by ne'er-do-wells, the greedy, the power-crazy, and a miscellaneous assortment of crackpots. The book names the people who did their dirty work prior to our entry into this war, and bristles with documentary evidence that will knock you out of your chair. Carlson, who joined every Nazi-inspired organization he could, under the name of Pagnanelli, a supposed Italian fascist, is an Armenian by birth. He felt enough gratitude to the land that gave him freedom and the chance to get an education and work in complete happiness, to search out all the fascist elements that were working in this country so that he might expose them to the sunlight and to the proper authorities.

You will read the details of how the greater New York area was organized into sectors for the prospective revolution, and how, under the guise of sporting clubs the members of these organizations were allowed to drill with, and allowed to learn to shoot, firearms.

You will get an insight into the technique used in street brawls to terrorize American citizens.

And you will see how, by using the same old battle-cries against Jews, Catholics, New Dealers, and other groups, these subversive groups gained followers by the thousands. Many sincere people, who otherwise use good judgment in their human relations, were swept up in this tornado of hate.

The book will enable you to spot the symptoms of this type of subversive activity at sight or hearing.

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"THE PSYCHOLOGY OF MILITARY LEADERSHIP," by Pennington-Hough-Case, (Prentice-Hall, Inc., \$2.95) is an excellent book for military men of all ranks. Written by a foremost psychologist, a leading personnel expert, and by Lt. Col. Hough, U.S. Army, it combines the practical elements that go into the handling of men, which is the secret of leadership. The entire book is written in the light of current military practice, and contains some noteworthy chapters on such timely features as: military psychology, the officer as an instructor, the officer as a learner, the officer as a leader, the officer as a disciplinarian, the officer as a personnel technician, the officer and his men in battle. It is down to earth, as the "how to do it" technique is used throughout.

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"BACK DOOR TO BERLIN," by Wes Gallagher, (Doubleday, Doran & Co., \$2.75), is a new book you'll enjoy. It is the full story of the military coup in North Africa. Gallagher purposely avoided making the book a series of his own personal thoughts and experiences, preferring to let the American soldiers who carried out the operation tell the stories in their own way. The tremendous task placed on the shoulders of General Eisenhower, in which he had to weld together army and naval forces, work out a staff of American and British officers, and at the same time deal with French political intrigue, is an interesting word picture.

It tells the story of how General Jimmy Doolittle went shopping very openly in Bond Street for heavy shoes, fur gloves, and other impedimenta that led Nazi intelligence to think that the blow would strike in Norway. Troop dispositions were made by the Nazis to resist an invasion of Norway, but they were caught flatfooted when American troops started dropping on the North African coast.

There is an interesting description of the setting up of General Eisenhower's headquarters, and there is much information about the political situation at that time, information that will help you to understand the Darlan situation and the complete background for all that took place in this operation.

The exploits of Lieut. Jack Ilfrey, Air Corps, of Houston, and former Texas A. & M. student, are detailed at considerable length.

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"MILITARY REVIEW," by the Command & General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, (\$3.00 a year).

Some time ago the Adjutant General's Department published a memorandum about this very interesting and helpful monthly magazine. It should be a "must" in every unit library. Battalion and company commanders and staff officers particularly will find it very helpful.

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"MEN AT WAR," edited by Ernest Hemingway (Crown Publishers, \$3.00), is a collection of 52 great war stories of all time, each with a dramatic lesson in it. If you want to get the feel of being in combat, of seeing what the madness of being in battle is like, then this is your dish. It shows what war is, how wars are won and lost, the great things and the little things, the courage and the pity of men and women at war.

Hemingway's introduction is a stunner, and is worth the price of the book alone. (Incidentally, Hemingway was a member of the Houston Light Guard's company, Company G, 143d Infantry, 36th Division, in World War I.)

This is a book you can pick up at odd moments and always find an interesting and educational bit of war reading to fit your time available.

The Infantry Journal has given this work a number of plugs. The book may be obtained from your favorite bookseller or from the Infantry Journal, 1115 Seventeenth St., NW, Washington, D.C.

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"G.I. JUNGLE," by E. J. Kahn, Jr., (Simon & Schuster, \$2.00) is the true story of an American soldier in Australia and New Guinea. Kahn left his desk in the office of the New Yorker Magazine to serve in an infantry division which was one of the first combat elements of our Army to go to the Southwest Pacific. His book is a human and witty account of what it feels like to be a soldier in action.

This Month's FRONT COVER



Maj. Gen. Claude V. Birkhead, who delivered the keynote address at the Texas State Guard Officers' Association meeting at Austin, sounded a ringing challenge to every Guardsman. The magnificent confidence in the Guard expressed by General Birkhead shall be accepted by every Guardsman as a personal obligation to service beyond the call of duty. General Birkhead, commanding general of the Texas National Guard and at all times the friend of the Texas State Guard, spoke words that can be and will be a guide to all Guardsmen for many years to come.

OUR AIMS

1. Adequate equipment for proper training and performance of duties.
2. Legal protection for Guardsmen in case of injury or other losses occurring in the course of training or the performance of duties.
3. Adequate funds to be appropriated by the Texas legislature to finance the proper operation of the Guard.

HARMONY

One characteristic of the association convention at Austin October 2 and 3 stood out above all else. There was plenty of good fellowship, good fun and splendid comradeship which will live long in the memories of all who attended.

But outstanding was the harmony in purpose and action.

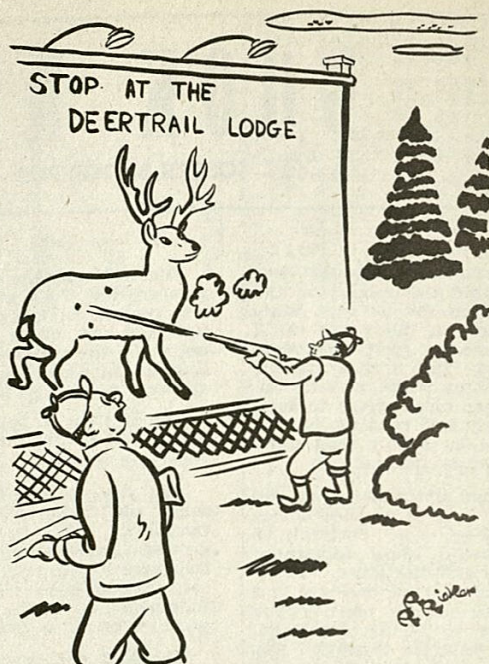
Only those officers of the association who resigned, in every case because they were too busy with battalion or private duties to carry on in the association, were not reelected.

All of those who could continue their good work for the association were confirmed for a full year's term.

Maj. Donald W. Peacock who has worked with such ardor and success since the organization of the association was the unanimous choice for president. Capt. James F. Ewers, who functioned so ably as vice-president, was logically reelected as first vice president. The second and third vice presidents, Maj. Ed Konken and Maj. H. W. Stillwell, richly deserved the honor accorded them.

Maj. Lloyd M. Bentsen, a busy man who has contributed so much to the organization and progress of the association, was loudly acclaimed as chairman of the board of directors.

The loss of Maj. Charles O. Betts as adjutant and Maj. James M. Cumby as



"Boy, you'll never make the Army Air Corps with those eyes!"

finance officer, due to the press of other affairs in both cases, is deeply regretted, but the acquisition of Capt. Carl Hardin, Jr., and Capt. Weldon Swenson in their places is welcomed.

Maj. Bryan Montague as judge advocate is a valuable addition.

Under such leadership there can be no doubt about the splendid, useful future which the Texas State Guard Officers' Association faces.

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EMPLOYER POLICIES

A policy toward men who serve in the State Guard that may well be emulated by other business firms is the Military Service Policy of the Humble Oil and Refining Company.

When, during the Beaumont martial law duty, several Guardsmen who are employed by Humble at Houston were called to Beaumont, special arrangements were made to pay these men in full at their regular rate during their absence from work.

All Humble people who attended the State Guard School at Camp Bullis were paid in full at their regular rate during their absence from work.

While Humble is not by any means alone in its policy toward Texas Guardsmen, there are some business firms whose attitude is far less generous, in fact, in some cases downright reprehensible.

The firm which does not compensate in full its men who are absent from work in the service of the state and nation, as state guardsmen, are guilty of shallow thinking at best.

The Guardsman who accepts inconvenience and discomfort in order to train and serve deserves the gratitude of all, and particularly of his employer, because it is his employer's business interests he is protecting when, as a state guardsman, he helps insure the peace and order of his community.

An employer who does not pay or curtails the pay of his employee for absence devoted to Guard training and duty is penalizing that employee for his patriotism.

Humble's Military Service Policy is not just a mumbled proclamation. It

is recorded in black-and-white for all to read and know. The policy follows:

"MILITARY SERVICE POLICY as Applied to Employees Hired on or after September 16, 1940:

"Military service is defined as active service with the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Texas State Guard, and women's units, if any, of those organizations.

"A two month special leave of absence will be granted an employee who enters military service in the above organizations, provided

"1. He has had one or more years of continuous active Company service.

"2. He has not been temporarily laid off.

"3. He has not been given an advance notice of termination of service with the company.

"After furnishing the Company with proof of induction into the armed forces, the employee will receive a lump sum payment equivalent to two months' normal full pay, based on the rate of pay and straight time schedule of hours in effect at the time of induction, calculated on the same basis as that used in making payments under the Company's Benefit Plan.

"1. If the employee returns to active service with the Company before the expiration of the special leave, he will be expected to refund the unearned portion of the two months' lump sum payment.

"2. In case of later recall to military duty, any lump sum payment made at that time will be subject to deduction of the lump sum payment previously made.

"3. When an employee has once utilized the two months' lump sum payment, he will receive no further payment upon recall to military duty.

"Eligibility to Death Benefits will continue during the two month special leave.

"Participation in the Group Life Insurance Plan will be permitted for one policy month following the policy month in which the military leave begins, provided premium is paid.

"1. At the end of this authorized period, participation in the Plan is automatically terminated.

"2. The conversion privilege may be exercised at the completion of this period.

"At the end of the special military leave the employee will be considered as having 'resigned in order to enter military service.'

"An employee in this category who later applies for re-employment will be given consideration following placement of all other employees who were hired prior to September 16, 1940, and who return from military service or from activities directly related to the war effort."

5TH CELEBRATES 2ND BIRTHDAY

Zilker Park overlooking Barton Springs in Austin was the setting for the second birthday anniversary celebration for the 5th Battalion, Austin, and more than 200 men of the guard, their families and guests gathered to celebrate the event with a big basket picnic and dance.

The 5th Battalion became officially a unit in the state guard organization June 9, 1941, when Maj. William J. Lawson called the troops of the three companies A, B and C to attention, in preparation for the inspection and acceptance into the state organization by officers from the Texas Adjutant General's department.

"Patriotic Austin men, long before the inspection at Camp Mabry June 9, 1941, had been meeting in groups in various parts of the city to drill," stated Lieut. Col. James C. Jones in recounting some of the history of the 5th Battalion.

Col. Jones was organizer and captain of Company A, one of the very first guard companies in the state, and he was issued the first provisional commission in the state by the adjutant general's department.

"Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsored and organized the first company of men to start meeting in Austin," said Col. Jones. "This group of men were to be known as Company C when the 5th Battalion was inducted into the state organization."

"Ex-students of A. and M. College living in Austin organized Company B, and a private in the rear rank, a prominent ex-student of A. and M., Bill Lawson, was to be picked for major and commanding officer of the 5th Battalion when it became a part of the state organization. Recently he resigned and was succeeded by Maj. Charles O. Betts, who also enlisted in the 5th Battalion as a private."

With the addition of Company D to the 5th Battalion one year ago and the organization of the headquarters detachment, the 5th Battalion started going places as a military organization.

Not more than 25 men out of the 300 composing the 5th Battalion two years ago remain as active members.

ASSOCIATION HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION (Continued from page 7)

naval services was keenly felt by our armed forces during the present war, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Texas State Guard Association of Texas, that we recommend that the following principles be adopted by our national government in the formulation of its post-war military policy; that the Congress immediately formulate plans and provide facilities for maintaining the strength of the regular army, navy and merchant marine and the military and naval reserves at such level as will be sufficient to meet probable emergencies; that particular attention be paid to the reserve officer training facilities such as R.O.T.C., state militia and recognized military schools; that such expansion of existing facilities and methods of training be of such nature as to permit the giving of military training, under the universal military training program, on a nationwide basis, and that the militia in each State be included in the national plans but that the rights of states in respect to their militias as now exist be protected.

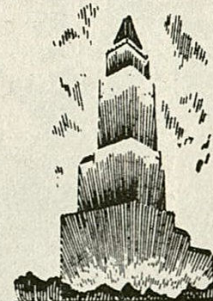
The general assembly was closed with a religious service conducted by Maj. Gordon M. Reese, chief of TSG chaplains who also was appointed by Major Peacock chaplain of the Texas State Guard Officers Association.



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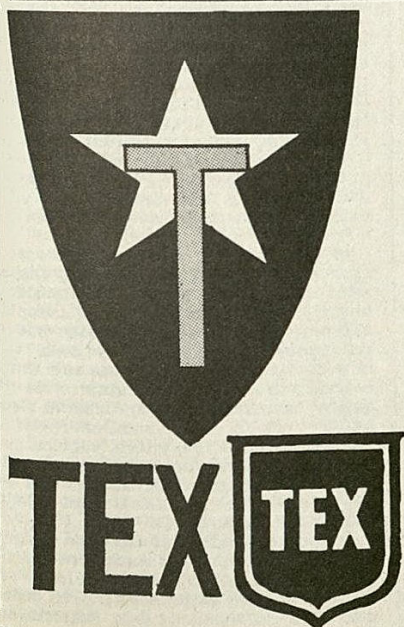
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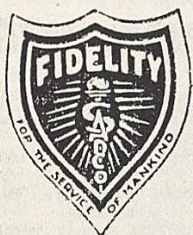


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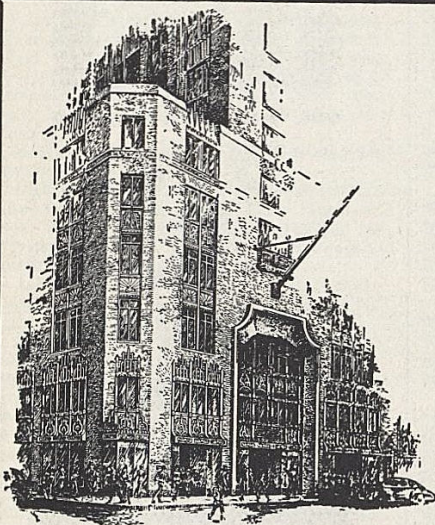
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After Collinsworth's capture of Goliad, October 9-10, 1835, it was decided by the Texans to leave a strong garrison at the place, while the remainder of the soldiers went "On to Bexar!" Philip Dimmit, one of those who had aided Collinsworth in the capture, was elected captain and commandant of the post.

The garrison at Goliad fluctuated in number between 50 and 100 men during Dimmit's long tenure. Practically all of the men were volunteers from Matagorda, Navidad, Old Caney and Refugio. On the muster roll were the names of many distinguished soldiers. Among them were Captain Ira Westover and Captain Hugh Fraser, both of whom were delegates to the General Consultation. Westover was appointed adjutant of the garrison.

One of the first acts of Dimmit on assuming the command was to insure the security of his garrison. Most of the Mexican settlers in and around Goliad remained loyal to Mexico, and some of these organized guerrilla bands to assist the Centralist government. Dimmit immediately sent out detachments to break up the guerrillas. This was accomplished successfully. Most of the Mexican inhabitants of Goliad moved to the Carlos Rancho several miles below on the San Antonio River. Dimmit's next step was to insure the neutrality of the Karankawa and Tonkawa Indians living in that section of Texas. He summoned the chiefs to meet him and negotiated with them treaties of neutrality which were observed by the Indians all the while Dimmit was commandant at Goliad. The Karankawas even offered to join the Texans, but the offer was declined.

Dimmit's next consideration, now that his security was provided, was to strengthen his position by obtaining new allies. He sent two of his soldiers, Williams and O'Toole, who were Refugio colonists, to San Patricio with messages requesting the Irish of that place to actively cooperate with the patriots. These two young men were captured by the Mexican garrison stationed at Fort Lipantitlan, just across the Nueces from the town of San Patricio. This incident impressed Dimmit with the danger of permitting a sizable enemy garrison to remain in such close proximity to the port of El Copano, and decided him to take means for its elimination at the earliest practicable moment.

While making preparations for an expedition against Lipantitlan, Dimmit was indefatigable in accumulating horses, oxen, munitions and supplies, not only for his own garrison, but for the many military units which were now coming into Texas from the United States. He provided mounts for the entire company of New Orleans Greys among others. He was energetic in "pressing" into the public service such supplies as were needed, but was also just alike to the individuals and the government in appraisals and issuing orders for payment.

About the middle of October, Dimmit despatched Colonel James Power, the empresario of the Refugio Colony, and a man who knew the country, to reconnoiter the environs of San Patricio and Lipantitlan, to learn the number and

disposition of the enemy. Power had been an old soldier, a veteran of the Battle of New Orleans, and was a man of judgment. He returned to Goliad on October 20, with his report.

On October 30, Dimmit detailed Adjutant Westover and 31 men from the Goliad garrison, to go on the expedition to Lipantitan. The orders given by the commandant to the leader were verbal and might be reconstructed as follows:

"You will proceed immediately to Refugio, where you will pick up a reinforcement of Refugio militia and such other colonists as desire to participate. From that place you will proceed to Fort Lipantitan. You will reduce the place and destroy the enemy and bring back to this post all artillery you will find there. You will liberate and bring with you our comrades, Williams and Toole. Under no circumstances will you parole or release on word of honor not to fight further against the Texians any of the Mexican officers or men whom you may capture. You will take especial care to apprehend, if possible, and bring to this post, Captain Manuel Sabriego, a Mexican officer whom we captured here at Goliad and released on his parole, but who escaped and is now serving against us at Fort Lipantitan. You will return to this post when you have accomplished your mission."

Westover set out on this mission on the 31st. He went to Refugio and was there joined by about 14 colonists, including Colonel Power and Captain Fraser. There were about 6 volunteers from other places, making a total of 50 men. He then proceeded towards Lipantitan, but took a little known and not much traveled route, instead of the main road. The Mexican garrison learned of the expedition, and went out to intercept it, taking the main road. The Texians by-passed the enemy and cut it off from the fort. A San Patricio colonist was picked up who went into the fort and returned with information as to number of enemy remaining therein, which was a mere handful. He suggested that the garrison would surrender if they were released upon parole. Westover decided to follow the line of least resistance and to accept the surrender on those terms. The fort with one piece of artillery fell into his hands without bloodshed. (November 3.)

As the Texian detachment was recrossing the Nueces, (November 4), the main Mexican detachment, which was composed of mounted gunmen, appeared. The Texians gave them battle, killing Lieutenant Garcia, second in command, and about 28 others. Captain Rodriguez and the bulk of his force retreated. The Texian loss was only one wounded. Westover and his party were highly elated and in fine fettle over their victories. They decided that they had had glory enough for one occasion and prepared to return to Goliad. The cannon was heavy and unwieldy and draught animals were not convenient. At the suggestion of Colonel Power, (who was with the expedition simply as a volunteer), the cannon was sunk in the Nueces river.

On its way back to Refugio the Texian party overtook Governor Viesca and party at the Aransas river. Viesca was the constitutional governor of the State of Coahuila and Texas and had been ousted and imprisoned by Santa Anna's orders. He, together with Yrala, his secretary of state, and his friends, Dr. John Cameron and Dr. James Grant, had escaped from Mexico and were on their way to San Felipe. He had with him a small cavalry escort of about 20 men under Colonel Jose

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Ma. Gonzales. The Governor and his entourage came to Refugio with the Texian soldiers. From Refugio couriers were sent to Dimmit announcing the capture of Lipantitlan and the presence of Governor Viesca in the country.

Captain Dimmit was a Texian who believed that the object of the Texas Revolution should be complete independence from Mexico. Others, such as Stephen F. Austin (at that period) and Colonel Frank W. Johnson and Dr. James Grant, believed that Texas should continue as a part of Mexico, and that the revolution should be for the sole purpose of restoring the Federalist Constitution of 1824. The arrival of Governor Viesca put Dimmit in a dilemma. Viesca considered himself still to be the constitutional executive of the State of Coahuila and Texas and expected to be received as such. Dimmit, on the other hand, considered that if he officially recognized Viesca as governor, such action would handicap any future movement to achieve complete independence. Dimmit, therefore, decided to receive Viesca simply as a distinguished guest and ally, and not as his governor.

Westover and his men arrived at Goliad ahead of the governor. The adjutant reported the capture of Lipantitlan and the defeat of Rodriguez detachment, and confidently awaited his commander's congratulations and praise. Captain Dimmit looked at him sternly and probably said, "Where are your prisoners?" "They were paroled." "Where is the cannon which you captured?" "It was thrown in the river at Colonel Power's advice." "Where is Rodriguez' force?" "Somewhere in the vicinity of Lipantitlan." "Was any friendly garrison left at Lipantitlan to prevent its reoccupation?" "No, sir." "What became of Sabriego?" "He escaped." "Where are Williams and O'Toole?" (Dimmit's captured messengers). "They had been already taken to Mexico."

Instead of receiving the commendation of his chief, Westover was relieved of his command and confined to quarters for disobedience of positive orders. A day or two later he was released, but not restored to duty. Within the next few days Westover went to San Felipe to take his place in the General Council.

Captain Dimmit had issued strict orders with regard to handling of public property. Captain Fraser, who really was an honest man, sold some of the public store of tobacco. Although Fraser was a member of the Consultation, Dimmit put him under arrest and in confinement for violation of orders. Fraser wrote many piteous letters to the Council before he was released. Dimmit after an investigation came to the conclusion that Fraser had merely been in bad company, without criminal intent, and voluntarily released him, after giving him a pointed lecture on the duties of soldiers to obey orders and not to construe the law according to their own ideas.

The day after Westover's arrival, Governor Viesca and party entered Goliad. Dimmit had them met half way between Goliad and Refugio by four prominent officers and an escort. He greeted his distinguished guest cordially, and assigned him the best accommodations that the fort permitted; but he did not receive him as governor. A howl immediately went up over Dimmit's "mistreatment" of the governor, and the "snub" given that worthy. Letters galore were written by prominent citizens to General Austin, demanding Dimmit's removal. The Mexican citizens of Goliad chimed in with com-

plaints and protests over their own mistreatment at the hands of the commandant.

General Austin upon receipt of this deluge of complaints, protests and representations, on November 18, 1835, issued an order removing Dimmit as commandant at Goliad and appointing Captain Collinsworth in his stead. The garrison upon hearing of this action almost mutinied. It held a meeting and drew up a memorial, wherein they protested Austin's action, and while expressing themselves admirers and friends of Collinsworth, declined to serve further except under a man whom they themselves had elected. The impasse was broken by General Austin being relieved from command of the Texian army and his appointment as a Commissioner to the United States. Without any further official action Dimmit remained in command at Goliad.

Captain Dimmit, true to his type, wanted to be where the fighting was the thickest. He asked permission to take his garrison to Bexar and assist in the reduction of that point. He was requested by the Council to remain where he was, as Goliad was deemed to be of transcendent importance. However, learning that a movement was under foot to take Bexar by storm, Dimmit granted himself and 8 or 10 of his men a few days "furlough" and they got to Bexar in time to join the storming columns of Ben Milam.

Upon expiration of the "furlough" Dimmit and his comrades returned to Goliad. A few days later Captain William S. Brown arrived from Bexar bringing with him a bloody arm flag of independence which he had designed during the siege of Bexar. Dimmit liked the "bloody arm" idea, (which was an old Irish symbol of courage and independence), and had a flag of his own prepared, consisting solely of a bloody arm grasping a bloody sword, with the word "Independence" streaming across it. He then called a meeting of his garrison and surrounding colonists for Sunday, December 20, 1835. On that day a convention was held at the Fort of Goliad, and the Goliad Declaration of Independence read and signed. After which the assemblage turned out into the court yard and ran up the flag of independence. A copy of the declaration was sent to San Felipe, but the Council felt that it was indiscreet and untimely.

The bloody arm flag floated over Goliad until the first part of January, when Johnson and Grant came to Goliad on their ill-fated Matamoros Expedition. These men, as has been stated, were opposed to complete independence of Texas, and felt that Dimmit's act would alienate Republican-minded Mexicans who they expected would assist the Texans in driving Santa Anna from power. Johnson and Grant demanded that Dimmit take down his bloody flag, and threatened to remove it by force, if it were not voluntarily taken down. Dimmit yielded to these demands rather than shed Texian blood. Johnson and Grant made demands for supplies and munitions which practically exhausted the stores which Dimmit had labored so long to accumulate. After the Fall of Bexar Dimmit had asked the Council to relieve his garrison at Goliad. After a long delay he was ordered to deliver the fort to Captain Wyatt. On January 10, 1836, the garrison was mustered out of service, and Dimmit with his Matagorda planters left Goliad to return to their homes. En route they met General Sam Houston and his staff, who were on their way to Refugio to break up, as they did, the Matamoros Expedition.

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Johnson and Grant had taken most of the troops from Bexar, and rumors being rife that Santa Anna was preparing to invade the country, General Houston became alarmed for the safety of Bexar. Knowing that Dimmit could be depended upon to obey an order, the Raven, on or about January 17, 1836, issued an order directing Dimmit to gather up 100 men and repair to Bexar immediately to reinforce the garrison there, until further steps could be considered. Dimmit, as might be expected, again took the field. Not being able to assemble the full 100 colonists he accepted the services of sufficient Karankawa Indians to fill the quota and went to the Alamo.

While the Alamo garrison eventually proved itself a band of heroes, it really contained many disturbing and insubordinate elements. Some of the ranking officers were continuously drunk and at odds with other officers. The command was divided. General Houston eventually issued orders to blow up the Alamo and abandon the place. Dimmit and most of his men obeyed this order. However, some of Dimmit's men, including some of the Karankawas, remained at the Alamo, and were among the victims of March 6, 1836.

Captain Dimmit, once more commandant at Victoria, received an order from General Houston, dated March 12, ordering him and all of his men to join the commander-in-chief at Gonzales. The order was promptly obeyed. Dimmit made a forced march to Gonzales, but upon arrival in the vicinity of that place, found that Houston's army had moved out and that the Mexican army had moved in. This was an unexpected situation, and a most perilous one. His little band of horsemen was immediately beset by the Mexicans. Several of Dimmit's men and many of their horses were killed in the bloody skirmish. However, the blunt frontier captain managed with skill and audacity to extricate his command from the trap into which they had fallen, and brought them back to a place of safety.

MISSION AIRPORT IS SCENE OF BITTER FIGHTING

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night grilling nine prisoners brought in by the patrols. The friendly force lost six prisoners during the night to the invaders, who fanned out from the airport in all directions.

A special headquarters patrol succeeded in lighting up the enemy command post with flares early in the morning. Corp. Leon Hatcher stole within touching distance of the enemy post before firing his flare pistol.

Capt. Lonnie Reed of Mission and Capt. C. D. Martin of McAllen commanded the two units holding the airport. These were the Mission and McAllen companies, A and B.

Major Bentsen called his commanders in early Sunday morning, went over intelligence reports, and assigned the five companies to their posts. They agreed on 9:30 a.m. as the hour for a swift, coordinated attack on the airport from all directions.

Company C of Pharr, screening the headquarters detachment, moved in from the east to draw the enemy's initial fire, and succeeded in wiping out one advanced machinegun nest before making contact with the main enemy force.

Soon after the Pharr company struck, the other four units closed in on the port. Company D of Alamo led by Capt. Grant Montgomery came in from the south, Company E of Donna under Capt. Harold Vertrees poured in on

the south and west, Company F of Edinburg under 1st Lt. Frank Stout also struck from the west and Capt. John Pope's Company G of Rio Grande City struck from the north.

Both attackers and defenders used everything from sidearms and shotguns to tommyguns and hand grenades. The latter were small paper sacks filled with flour and when they struck they stuck, leaving an indelible mark. There were scores of grenade casualties.

Within an hour it was over. The enemy had been pocketed on the east side of the airport and the four companies coming in on the rear wiped them out.

A board of army referees ruled the outnumbered enemy had been cleanly beaten.

The airport fell shortly after 10 a.m.

The umpires included Maj. Joe Kilgore of Mission, veteran Middle East war pilot home from eight months of slamming the Axis with bombs aboard a B-24 Liberator; Capt. William Compton of the army at McAllen; Lts. Jimmie Oakes and James Thurman of Fort Ringgold; and the following non-commissioned officers from Fort Ringgold: St. Sgt. Thomas Freeman, Sgts. Fred House, C. E. Tijerina, J. O. Taylor, William Kelly and Edgar Svenningsen, and Corp. Andrew Aurigenna.

All of the army men were surprised at the enthusiasm of the Guardsmen, they said, and were particularly impressed by the night patrol work, which Captain Conway of the battalion called the outstanding work of each side.

A critique followed the attack on the airport. With a loudspeaker hooked up, both battalion and army men discussed the problem with hundreds of men circled around them listening intently. The army sergeants said they saw room for improvement in the manner in which the men take cover, but loudly praised the men's spunk and spirit.

Speakers at the critique included Major Bentsen, Major Kilgore, Captain Compton, Captain Conway, Lieutenants Thurman and Oakes, Sergeant Freeman, Captain John C. Jones, new commander of the Pharr company, Captain Martin, Captain Reed, Lieutenant Stout and Sgt. Edgar E. Martin of McAllen. The latter spoke on the recent guard training sessions at Camp Bullis.

Lieutenant Oakes, one of the referees, singled out Sergeant Martin for special commendation on a sniping mission on which the sergeant sat high in a tree and quietly picked off eight enemy troops without revealing his location. Three referees who saw his work had to call to him before they could learn where his station was.

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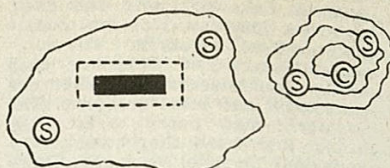
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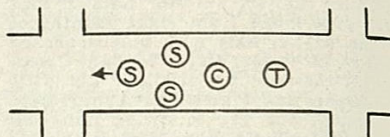
THE "E" SQUAD (Continued from page 18)



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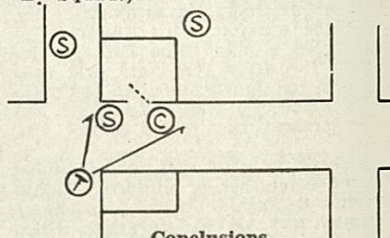
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Example 6: ENTERING A BUILD- ING

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across the street, with two shotguns
covering the sides and the rear. (This
is not intended as a model tactical ar-
rangement, but rather to show that
vital points could be covered by the
"E" Squad.)



Conclusions

1. The Texas State Guard units
should start at once in the formation
of "E" Squads, and a comprehensive
training program, to run concurrently
with present training, be inaugurated.
2. That this problem of doing a
man's sized job with a boy's capabili-
ties will forever be a problem of bat-
talion and company commanders in the
TSG, and that some attention paid to
formation and training of "E" Squads
as such will pay big dividends at a
critical hour.

Recommendations

1. That a training program be in-
augurated at once to follow, in a gen-
eral way, this pattern and sequence:
a. Assembling of 5-man "E" Squads,
each under a non-commissioned officer,
by each company or platoon.
- b. Teaching each man of the "E"
Squad to do the following things:
(1) To know the duties of each of
the 5 in a motor patrol
(2) To know the duties of each of
the 5 in a ground patrol
(3) To know the duties of each on
guard problems
(4) To know the duties of each of
the 5 in an outguard or outpost
(5) To know the duties of each of
the 5 in a house-entering detail
(6) To know the duties of each of
the 5 in a road block detail,
such as setting up concertinas,
improvised road blocks, search-
ing cars

(7) To know the duties of each of the 5 in street fighting or raids so that he will fit into any squad in any place in the squad, and in any situation the squad may meet.

d. That, after these stages have been reached, small problems involving the use of 2, 3, or 4 different types of "E" squads, be worked on. Each squad may have a different part of a general mission, but all working in the immediate area on the same mission. For instance:

1 squad (Type 1—see page 5) patrolling a hostile street

1 squad (Type 2—see page 5) entering a house in the same area

1 squad (Type 4—see page 5) setting up a concertina on the corner

e. That informal and improvised methods of communications between "E" Squads be developed and employed. Complicated communications can not be set up due to the desire for economy of manpower, and in an action they might not be even noticed.

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STATE WIDE RECRUITING DRIVE (Continued from page 33)

Guard meeting will be held to arouse the Guardsmen to the fact that the success of the campaign depends on each man in the organization from the commanding officer to the newest member of the Guard.

Every move in the campaign will stress one main idea: To make each man in the Guard feel that the success of the drive depends on his individual efforts.

The 5th Battalion will welcome any man to enlist, but it has decided to make a special effort to get the older, substantial men. It is felt that if the majority of the recruits are between the ages of 30 and 50 that the battalion will have men who will stick, and in the end make better Guardsmen.

Publicity about the Guard in the newspapers, plugs over the radio, talks to the civic clubs, posters displayed downtown, will serve to inform the men of Austin that they are wanted in the Guard, but that alone won't bring the recruits swarming out to Camp Mabry. That only will be accomplished by the hard work of personal contact; neighbors stopped on the street; flying details of Guardsmen calling on business houses and asking them to "draft" some of their employees to the guard.

Broadsides of literature will be distributed to every home in Austin setting forth the facts of the Guard, and why men should enlist. Emphasis will be placed on the training schedule, that it is healthful training even for older men, and that the men do something out at Camp Mabry besides "march and drill."

Carrying the campaign to the downtown part of Austin in a big demonstration Thursday night, the 5th Battalion in full field equipment, led by a military band will stage a big parade. It will not be the usual kind of parade.

Marching down the Avenue, the four companies each will snappily make the wedge and diagonal formations to forcefully impress on the citizens that the Guard does something out at Camp Mabry to assure internal security besides "marching and drilling."

A stirring talk by Mayor Tom Miller and other prominent city officials will end the Thursday night affair.

Prospective recruits will be brought out to Camp Mabry Friday night for an open-house and the ceremony of putting their names on the dotted line. Efforts will be made to have Gov. Stev-

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As the western sun casts long shadows the 4th strides along. This is Company B, commanded by Capt. Charles B. Paul. The 4th is located in the westernmost tip of the state, lives in an army environment that is rich in military tradition.



Wearing "coal-scuttle"-type helmets (or M-1 helmet liners, to be technical), men of the 4th Battalion take positions on the firing line. Rugged terrain surrounding El Paso offers excellent regular training for 4th Battalion troops.

STATE WIDE RECRUITING DRIVE (Continued from page 33)

enson present to give a little extra urge to the doubtful recruits.
Each day and until late at night during the week of the state-wide drive, the Chamber of Commerce offices on Congress Avenue will be open, staffed by Guardsmen to help recruit.
The 5th Battalion of the Texas State Guard is going to have a full roster in each company when the week's drive ends, and it is hoped, men who will stick with the Guard.

HOW TYLER DID IT

Mention was made in the July GUARDSMAN of the way Company D, 32nd Battalion, Tyler, commanded by Capt. W. E. Yarbro, used a special newspaper called THE TYLER GUARD, printed for them by the publishers of the Tyler Courier-Times and Morning Telegraph.

The four-page newspaper was packed with facts about the Guard and strong appeals for enlistment.

The newspaper was good, but the plan under which it was distributed was even better.

The newspaper carried a headline proclaiming: "Tyler Bombarded From Air." It said: "Courthouse Focal Point of Daylight Raid."

The raid was a distribution by CAP planes, from the air, of handbills. The rain of handbills from the low-flying planes really put across the idea.

The handbills read:

"YOU'RE BEING BOMBED!"

"It's not impossible for this to actually happen in our city and vicinity—but not with literature—BOMBS.

"Every man who is not in the armed forces and is between the ages of 16 and 60 should consider it his patriotic duty to his country and to his home to become a member of the TEXAS STATE GUARD.

"We are far away now from the screaming shells, but PLENTY CAN HAPPEN HERE AT HOME! Do you want to wait until it actually happens before you wake up?

"You furnish a little time and effort—we'll furnish equipment and instruction!

"Join Company D, 32nd Battalion, TEXAS STATE GUARD."

Hitler was touring a famous German insane asylum. At one place all the inmates lined up as he made his appearance and gave the Nazi salute. All except one.

"Vas is los?" screamed Adolf. "Why aren't you saluting me?"

"Don't be foolish," came the reply. "I'm one of the guards here—not one of the inmates."

A company clerk was wooing one of those mountain hill-billy gals when her father finally cornered him. "Young man," he said, "you've been seeing lots of our Agathy here these past months. What are your intentions—honorable or dishonorable?" The soldier gasped, "Yuh mean to say," he said, "I've got a choice?"

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FEDERAL INSPECTION (Continued from page 19)

equipment in the armory were shown the inspecting officer before the troops were formed on the parade grounds for formal inspection of the men in ranks.

Col. Tutuer took notes on the equipment which was needed by the battalion to make it a more efficient and smooth-running organization and the list included such articles as radio batteries, litter bags, tent poles.

Accompanied by Maj. Charles O. Betts, Col. Tutuer marched down the files of soldiers, inspecting each gun. Not a Guardsman fumbled or dropped his gun, each came smartly to port arms as the inspection officer stopped and faced the soldier.

Following the inspection of the men in ranks, Col. Tutuer ordered Company A under command of Capt. Sherman Birdwell to execute close order drills by squad, platoon and company formations. The company also demonstrated to the inspecting officer that the 5th Battalion had learned its lesson well by its ability and technique to quell mobs, unruly crowds, and perform other assigned missions given it by Col. Tutuer to test the training of the men.

1100 GUARDSMEN

(Continued from page 13)

Major James Cumby, commanders of the 19th, 29th and 35th respectively, were called to Task Force Headquarters and advised that an enemy force numbering 120 had captured and were holding the buildings on the north side of White Rock Airport, and were ordered to employ their units to capture or eliminate them before air-borne troops could be landed on the field.

At 9:20 the motorized convoys moved out of the bivouac area in the direction of the besieged airport under continuous attack from CAP planes acting as bombers and strafing units in support of the enemy.

Although State Highway radio cars were available, communications were maintained by messenger as the units were operating closely, and the enemy was understood to be equipped with short wave sets. Jeeps provided by the Eighth Service Command shuttled back and forth between the battalion command posts, and a co-ordinated attack was set for 11:20 a.m. The time schedule was almost upset when the 19th was spotted in a wooded section and pinned there for half an hour by flour bombs dropped by enemy planes.

Using one company to clear the road leading to the north side of the captured field, the 29th spearheaded the attack on the airport buildings with a company of motorized "commandos" who sped down the cleared road in the rear of the enemy position as the remaining force advanced on the other three sides of the field through smoke screens laid by the enemy. Though met by a fierce onslaught of tear gas and "potato grenades," the commando company overcame the defending paratroopers, and at 11:20, the battle of White Rock Airport was over.

Meanwhile, a smaller force of enemy troops were reported nine miles east of the airport, proceeding to enforce the garrison there. The 51st battalion, which was held in reserve at the bivouac area was ordered by Col. Thomas to intercept them, and in 45 minutes the entire Dallas area was again free of enemy troops.

With the exception of the "enemy force, all troops engaged in the prob-

lem were in full field packs, and a blistering sun added to the discomforts caused by the clouds of dust raised by the convoys, the smoke screens, tear gas and a general covering of flour from road mines and bombs dropped by the planes.

The only major casualty was suffered by Lt. L. M. Klindworth who commanded the enemy detachment defending the airport buildings. As the "commando" company approached his position, he crouched in high grass near the road and next to one of the buildings. As the cars bearing the attackers slid to with an extra special grenade. With a stop, he rose to "let 'em have it" the fuse lighted and sputtering, he waited for the right moment. At that moment, one of his corporals stuck his shotgun around the corner of the building and exploded a tear gas shell some six or eight inches from the lieutenant's nose. He got rid of the grenade immediately, but not in the direction intended. He was still shedding tears late in the afternoon.

Umpires for the problem were Army officers from the Eighth Service Command, and included Maj. Julian Jones, Chief Umpire; Maj. Dixie Hall, Maj. G. A. Douglas, First Lt. Arthur L. Walker and First Lt. Albert W. Lawrence. Other regular Army officers present included Col. George W. DeArmond, District Internal Security Commander, and Capt. John Killough, CMP.

Conducting the critique following the problem, Major Jones commended the men for their enthusiasm and for their patriotic spirit in giving their time "and your Sunday morning sleep" for the important service performed by the State Guard. Major Jones was pleased with the "evidence of good training" and complimented the battalion commanders on their excellent bivouac installations. The problem, he said, was carried out efficiently and "in many respects comparable to the regular army."

General Knickerbocker, who entertained members of the Military Affairs Committee of the Texas Legislature at the maneuver, addressed the assembled units, thanking them for their cooperation with the Task Force Command, which included, in addition to Col. Thomas, Major Thomas Gahagan, Executive Officer; Captain Wallace E. Adams, S-1; Capt. John Kokernot, S-2; Major Olney H. Bryant, S-3; Major Geo. D. Spencer, S-4; Lt. Murray B. Farrell, Adjutant, and Sgt. Charles Gamble, Sgt. Major.

MARINE HERO

Donald Gentry, of Mission, who as a private was one of the first recruits to start drilling for TSG service here in 1942, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant in the Marines. He fought with them on Guadalcanal as a second lieutenant and was returned to the U. S. several months ago after having been wounded. Lieutenant Gentry is the son of Pvt. Wade Gentry of Company A, Mission, 31st Battalion, TSG.

TSG "VETERAN"

Sgt. Leon H. Brown of Company A, Mission, 31st Battalion, TSG, has rounded out three years of service with the home forces. In 1940 he joined the first unit of a local home defense organization which ultimately became the Texas Defense Guard and then the Texas State Guard. For two years he has edited a weekly column on Guard news and activities in the Mission Times, his hometown newspaper, and for a year has been clerk of Company A.

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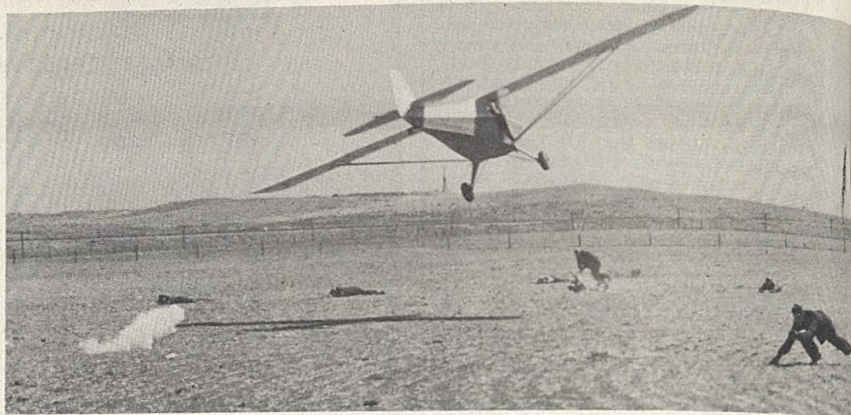
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AMARILLO TROOPS FOLLOW RUGGED TRAINING PROGRAM



The CAP cooperates in 14th Battalion field exercises. Here at left, you can see the flour bomb "exploding." This would have been a dangerous spot for soldiers in real combat.



Members of Companies A and C, the 14th, feel that a competent Guardsman must have something of the Tarzan in his make-up. This is part of the obstacle course at their bivouac area.



Proper methods of cutting barbed wire are demonstrated and practiced during exercises by Company A in scouting and patrolling. Troopers are wearing their fatigue suits and jeep hats.



Where there are soldiers there are galloping dominoes, or "night maneuvers," as the boys of the 14th Battalion prefer to call this ancient and honorable game. Note fancy throw.



When you are a member of Company A, and you are late for drill you get the same medicine whether you are the newest rookie or the c. o. Here Captain Jim J. Rogers goes through.



Another phase of the obstacle course is this water jump and cliff climb. Troops love it, feel fit and able to meet the rigors of active duty whenever they may be called upon.



On maneuver with the 14th Battalion's Companies A and C of Amarillo. Stepping up for a meat can full of chow is Major Louis J. Roberts, commanding officer of the 14th Bn.

BAYTOWN BATTALION HOLDS FIELD EXERCISE

On Sunday, August 29, the 16th Battalion, Baytown, engaged in a hunt for a group of 25 enemy saboteurs who had rendezvoused in a dense jungle of over 1000 acres near Goose Creek. The alarm was flashed to the Battalion by the Commanding Officer at 7:30 a.m. and by 8:30 a.m. the companies had assembled and entered the area.

The search was hindered by the size of the area and the thick growth, which often limited visibility to less than 20 feet, and rendered control of even squads by their leaders most difficult; however, by noon all the saboteurs, (impersonated by the members of the Headquarters Detachment) had been rounded up and properly dealt with.

The problem was made more lifelike by occasional bursts of machine gun fire, explosions of grenades, and a smoke screen.

RECORD-SETTERS

The second best attendance record in Company A, Mission, 31st Battalion, TSG, was broken recently when Sgt. Guillermo Valverde was unable to attend a meeting after having missed not a one for 11 months. He has entered the army. His mark was exceeded in the company only by that of Lt. Hays O. Williams, who had a 100 per cent attendance mark for 18 months.

NEW DRILL GROUND

Company C, Pharr, 31st Battalion, TSG, will soon have a new drill ground. Hidalgo county furnished a grader with which three-quarters of a block near the downtown area was scraped and smoothed. Lights are to be installed and as soon as they are ready the area will be used regularly as the drill ground.

"MINIATURE" MANEUVER

One of the smallest "maneuvers" in recent months among Rio Grande Valley TSG units, in all probability, was the one held late in July by the McAllen headquarters detachment of the 31st Battalion, TSG, at the McAllen High School athletic field.

The exercise was limited to the detachment's members, but under the direction of Lt. J. B. Ashcraft, III, commanding officer, the group put on a full-fledged field exercise, setting up a command post, message center, medical center and stringing field telephones.

The hypothetical problem included a running series of reports from patrols which fanned out over the city, with orders going back from the command post in rapid-fire order.

The training polished up the detachment for the August 21-22 battalion maneuvers at Mission.

16TH INSPECTED

On September 8 a series of inspections of units of the 16th Battalion by Major John A. Mann, USA., was concluded, with the inspection of Company C at Highlands. The Staff, Headquarters Detachment, and Companies A and B had been inspected August 25 at Baytown, and Company D had been inspected at Liberty on September 1.

Major Mann was highly commendatory in both his remarks and report as to the appearance, bearing, and state of training of all the units.

"What were you in the army?"

"A private," replied the dischargée. And Diogenes blew out his lamp and went home.

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HORSE SHOW Raises Funds for MOBILE CANTEEN at AMARILLO

A Horse Show staged by the Texas State Guard collaborating with the Will Rogers Range Riders at Amarillo in September raised sufficient funds to purchase a mobile canteen for the Red Cross chapter of Potter county. The unit is at the disposal of the Texas State Guard at any time it is required.

The Will Rogers Range Riders are nationally known for their exhibitions; their good-will trips over the Southwest, and their preparedness for police emergencies. Each Rider is a legal deputy sheriff, and is trained to meet certain emergencies which may arise.

Their horsemanship is a hobby. They are composed of business and professional men, ex-cowboys and cattlemen. Their ethics of membership are most exacting, and a waiting list of men desiring membership totals more than the organized group.

The Riders work closely with the State Guard in many activities, proving that



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TOP PICTURE—The Red Cross Mobile Canteen, purchased with funds raised at a Horse Show promoted by the Texas State Guard and the Will Rogers Range Riders at Amarillo. In the window are Mrs. Will Herring and Mrs. Dean Kirk; while standing, left to right, are Mrs. S. E. Burks, Mrs. W. A. Marshall, Mrs. J. C. Richardson, Mrs. Norwood West, and Capt. Sam W. Davis and Corp. E. W. Roush of Company C, TSG.

BOTTOM PICTURE—Some of the patriotic ladies who helped make the Horse Show a financial success.

the horse is not out in modern warfare. The article which appears below, written by Mason King, of the *Amarillo Globe-News*, tells of the organization and operations of this unique group of horsemen.

Modern Range Riders America's Unique Riding Club

By MASON KING, *Globe-News*, Amarillo, Texas

No doubt, the first quarter of the 20th century represents the greatest development period of machinery and science. But with the infatuation for all this modern science, the confidence, love, and admiration for a good horse have not wavered, particularly in the hearts of men of the West, whether they

be rancher, butcher, banker or candlestick-maker. That, together with respect for the traditions of the range, and in honor of America's most beloved Ranger Rider, the late Will Rogers, is responsible for the origin of America's unique club, the Will Rogers Range Riders. The organization is composed

of 135 members, representing an equal number of business and professional vocations.

The club is chartered under the laws of the State of Texas and governed by a board of officers and directors who enforce a rigid set of rules and regulations. It is not a sponsoring organization, but rather a cooperating one; demands upon it are often greater than its ability to serve. There are but few points in the Amarillo trade territory where the club has not appeared on one or more occasions in cooperation with some special event. Public appearances are made only in full costume and standard club riding equipment, which must be passed upon by the equipment committee before a member is accepted.

In public appearances only what is known as precision riding is permitted. All other times members ride and enjoy their horses according to individual desire. Every member is subject at all times to call to service in case of emergency. Members are subject to deputation by any law-enforcing body, and likewise are subject to call in case of major fires, particularly prairie fires, for guard duty, etc. On several occasions club members have been credited with preventing disastrous prairie fires. The Will Rogers Range Riders' services have no boundaries in case of emergency or in any other way that does not interfere with some other organized group.

The club maintains its headquarters on the Tri-State Fair grounds at Amarillo. Under a special lease agreement all horses are stabled in the racehorse barns, and caretakers are employed by the club. Early this year the club built its own spacious club house in which are held all business and social functions for members and their families. On special occasions members may bring guests. In the construction of the club house, the comforts of the ladies were not overlooked, even to the powder-room. Wives, daughters and sweethearts of members are permitted to participate in all club activities except riding in parades or other public appearances. Neither is a lady horse permitted to appear in public. Adjacent to the club house is the tack or equipment room where each member has his own private locker. In these lockers may be found much of the finest western riding equipment. Likewise in the stables are stalled some of the finest western type of cowhorses living, many rich in the famous Quarter horse breeding. As to color and markings of these horses, one may name his choice and find it at the Will Rogers Range Riders stables.

A visit on any evening or holiday to the Will Rogers Range Riders club will introduce the visitor to a brand of hospitality, congeniality and companionship known only to those who are acquainted with the range. Many of the club's pastime activities compare favorably with those indulged in by the cowboy of yesterday. Among those enjoyed is the week-end cross-country ride to some shady creek, alongside some bubbling spring, where the boys lie on their bellies for a refreshing drink, where the chuck wagon, cook, horse wrangler, chuck and bedrolls have already arrived and camp made.

Interest in the Will Rogers Range Riders club has far surpassed the wildest dream of the enthusiastic few who organized it. Three times it has been necessary to change the by-laws to meet the ever-growing demand for membership. The raising of membership fees from the original \$5.00 to \$50.00 has failed to retard its growth. The club

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The Will Rogers Range Riders are frequently referred to as the Panhandle's "ambassadors of good will."

REFUGIO "VET"

Corporal Jim Butler, of 21st Battalion Headquarters, has the distinction of having missed only two formations of his unit during the three years he has been a member of the Royal Irish Regiment and the 21st Battalion TSG. The two absences were due to deaths in the corporal's family, those of his mother and brother-in-law.

Corporal Jim, (alias Old Reliable), who insists that he is "a little higher up" than he is "big around" is custodian of the Battalion Headquarters at Woodsboro. He was an original "Irisher" and was made a corporal "right off the bat." On the organization of the 21st Battalion he was transferred from the Irish, chevrons and all. He has consistently declined promotion because "being a corporal just suits me" (and somehow it does).

At his enlistment in the Guard there was some question about Jim being several years over-age, but he insisted that he was under-age, and no one undertook to disprove it.

Before moving to Woodsboro on January 12, 1930, Corporal Jim was a college professor, having been adjunct professor of Moler's College, and later dean of the Lewis College, at San Antonio. He came to Woodsboro from Brownsville. His barber shop is just around the corner from Battalion headquarters. Jim doesn't let his profession interfere with encampments and bivouacs. He has never missed a single one. If a customer comes in just before time to leave for a bivouac Jim just tells him that he (the customer) can wait, but that the encampment can't.

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During a maneuver, near Stephenville, August 28-29, under the supervision of the task force staff of the Adjutant General's Department, of the 15th Battalion, headquarters at Breckenridge, and the 27th Battalion, headquarters at Ft. Worth, Camp Wolters made available for the use of the 15th Battalion a number of army vehicles and long range receiving and sending radios.

At the request of Captain John E. Belcher, commanding officer of Company E, 15th Battalion, Major General Bruce Magruder, commander of the IRTC, Camp Wolters, ordered that three Army Jeeps and three Command Cars, equipped with radios, accompany

Company E to the rendezvous point of the 15th Battalion. Six drivers and six radio operators from Camp Wolters were with the vehicles.

Upon reaching the bivouac area at Stephenville State Park these cars were turned over to Major Harry H. McKinney, commander of the 15th Battalion, and he made excellent use of them in the problem, which was one of motor convoy, patrol and reconnaissance.

Major J. W. Dryden and 2nd Lieut. E. J. LaPlante, U.S. Army officers from Camp Wolters, acted as umpires for the maneuvers.

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Martin Dips Pen in Fire and Shows How to Make Appeal

The newest duty assignment in Company C, 31st Battalion, Pharr, is that of Sgt. Edgar E. Martin to serve as company correspondent for THE TEXAS GUARDSMAN. He is also writing a weekly column on Guard news in the Valley Evening Monitor of McAllen. The following is his initial appeal for more recruits among McAllen men:

Attention! You!

By amending the national defense act, congress authorized the creation of defense guards in the various states, set up under the authority of the war department.

The Texas State Guard was created by the Texas Legislature in an act of February 14, 1941, to perform a specific duty.

Thus, the State Guard is not a purposeless fly-by-night organization conceived by an imaginative promoter or some street-corner crackpot. Nor is it made up of amiable and well meaning oldsters, as inept as they are amiable. Nor is it filled with play soldiers armed with pop guns.

The Guard was established by authority and with authority, to perform a necessary function in this nation at war. The secretary of war, the congress, the governor of the state attest to and endorse the necessity of this function, which is to contribute to the security of this state and the U.S.A.

The soldiers of the Texas State Guard are the busiest men in McAllen. They were the busiest men in McAllen even before they enlisted in the Guard. Wanna bet?? They've got lots at stake in this town and country; children, property; human rights; and common decency. That's why they are in the Guard. They put a high value on their stakes—a value great enough to demand active defense. This kind of defense, to be effective, comes about only after the sacrifice of valuable time given to intense training and preparation. Yes, they are ready to defend their stakes, and yours along with them.

"Conflicting civilian duties" and "Too busy" are outworn and empty phrases, that are powerless to effect a practical solution to a serious need. Are your stakes worth defending?

State Guardsmen also feel an obligation to the men in the armed services, whose stakes here at home likewise are high and no less dear. Do you feel any such obligation??

The State Guard is prepared to be the first holding force in the face of an invasion (Rotterdam thought it impossible, too); to round up paratroopers; to guard vital installations; and perhaps most important of all it stands ready to handle civil disturbances; riots and disorders. All these things are unreal and impossible until they start happening. They demand preparation commensurate with their seriousness. Are you prepared??

State Guard soldiers do not belong to the "It can't happen here" school. Neither can they stomach that other verse, "Too little and too late"! They are determined that if it does happen here they are going to have a hand in getting it "unhappened." Where will you be??

More and more men are being called to the services. Company "B" has lost heavily. But the job here becomes the greater. Will you be dead weight?

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to get back to full strength. Our assignments and our responsibilities are based on full strength. You can help take up some of the slack? Maybe?

If you are an American citizen, 16 to 64, and able-bodied; if you really have something at stake in this war; if you have the honesty to face the issue squarely; if you will help pay for more security here at home by the sacrifice of some of your own time;—in other words, if you want your part in this our common responsibility—you may secure application blanks at the City Hall from Capt. C. D. Martin.

Remember, Guardsmen have to make a living too!

Remember, Guardsmen are busy too!

JONES PROMOTED

Capt. John C. Jones, former adjutant of the 26th Bn., TSG, at Mercedes, has been appointed commanding officer of Co. C, Pharr, of the 31st Bn.

He recently moved to Pharr from Mercedes, and succeeds Capt. John Reeves, who resigned his post with the Pharr company due to his removal to Rio Grande City. Captain Jones is a veteran guardsman, having served as a first lieutenant in charge of communications and intelligence for the 26th Bn. staff at Mercedes under Maj. J. B. Taylor. About eight months ago he was promoted to the rank of captain and made battalion adjutant.

Maj. Lloyd M. Bentsen, commanding the 31st Bn., said the organization was fortunate to add a man of Captain Jones' calibre to its staff.

NEW UNIFORM REGULATIONS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Because uniform regulations affect everyone in the Texas State Guard, the following General Orders, TSG No. 31, dated Sept. 1, 1943, prescribing uniform for the Texas State Guard, are reprinted in **THE GUARDSMAN** in full:

1. This General Order supersedes all regulations, memorandums and other instructions heretofore issued, prescribing the uniform for the **TEXAS STATE GUARD**.

2. The uniform as prescribed herein by the Commanding General, Military Forces of the State of Texas, will be worn by all officers and enlisted men at all times while on duty. This duty includes drills in the armory, training, maneuvers, active State service and all forms of ceremonies, parades in which a battalion, or any part thereof, participates as a unit. Uniformity of dress within units will be strictly adhered to at all times.

3. Uniforms as prescribed by the Commanding General will be the official uniform of the Texas State Guard and will be the same as that prescribed for the Army of the United States as listed below with changes:

a. Belts

(1) Officers:

(a) Service: Plain buckle.

(b) Web: Pistol with holster worn on duty with troops under arms.

(2) Enlisted Men:

(a) Service: Plain buckle.

(b) Web: Cartridge when under arms.

b. Braid

(1) Officers: To be as specified for the Army of the United States but to be of navy blue mohair.

(2) Enlisted Men: None prescribed.

c. Buttons

(1) Officers: Where army regulations

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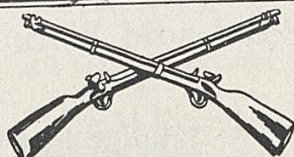
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- prescribe the use of United States Coat of Arms, the Texas Star will be substituted therefor.
- (2) Enlisted Men: Same as for officers or as issued.
- d. Coat
- (1) Service:
- (a) Officers: Same as that prescribed for the Army of the United States with the following exceptions: braid to be as prescribed in 3,b,(1) above, buttons to be as prescribed in 3,c,(1) above.
- (b) Enlisted Men: OD woolen as issued.
- (2) Overcoat:
- (a) Officers: Same as that prescribed for the Army of the United States with the following exceptions: braid to be as prescribed in 3,b,(1) above.
- (b) Enlisted Men: Army regulation or as issued.
- (3) Raincoat:
- (a) Officers: A waterproof coat of commercial pattern, olive-drab color.
- (b) Enlisted Men: Same as above or as issued.
- (4) Jackets:
- (a) Officers: Commercial type, cotton khaki, or similar materials, army tan color, bi-swing back, shoulder loops, button or zipper front, regular or slash pockets. Either type selected must be uniform for the entire battalion.
- (b) Enlisted Men: Same as for officers except omit shoulder loops, or as issued.
- e. Footgear
- (1) Shoes
- (a) Officers: Tan shoes or oxfords. Tan or brown socks.
- (b) Enlisted Men: Same as above or as issued.
- (2) Leggings
- (a) Officers: Commercial pattern, low type, lace canvas.
- (b) Enlisted Men: As issued.
- f. Gloves
- (1) Officers: Tan leather of commercial pattern to be worn as prescribed by the commanding officer.
- (2) Enlisted Men: Same as above or as issued.
- g. Headgear
- (1) Caps, Service: None authorized.
- (2) Caps, garrison:
- (a) Officers: Same type and quality as prescribed for officers of the United States Army, black and gold piping.
- (b) Enlisted Men: As issued with red, white and blue piping.
- (3) Helmets, tropical:
- (a) Officers: With battalion distinctive insignia.
- (b) Enlisted Men: With battalion distinctive insignia.
- (4) Hats, fatigue: As issued.
- h. Cravat
- (1) Same for officers and enlisted men: Khaki colored, four-in-hand type, without stripe or figure.
- i. Shirt
- (1) Officers: Cotton khaki broadcloth or poplin with shoulder loops as prescribed for the United States Army shall be used for summer wear and with service coat for dress wear. Olive-drab flannel worsted or gabardine will be used for winter wear.
- (2) Enlisted Men: Cotton khaki as prescribed for the United States Army without shoulder loops for summer wear. Woolen, olive-drab as issued for winter wear.
- j. Trousers
- (1) Officers: As prescribed for the United States Army.
- (2) Enlisted Men: Cotton khaki or as issued.
- k. Fatigue Clothing
- (1) Officers: Coverall as prescribed by the commanding officer. Uniformity of design and color will be preserved.

- (2) Enlisted Men: Same as above or as issued.

1. Insignia

- (1) Headgear

(a) Officers: Insignia of grade will be worn by officers on the garrison cap on the left side centered on the curtain with center of insignia $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the front. Bars will be worn perpendicular to the bottom edge of the cap; Leaves will be worn with the stem down; Eagles will be worn with beak to the front; Stars will be worn point upward.

(b) Enlisted Men: The garrison cap insignia shall be the distinctive insignia as described in Paragraph 3, 1, (1), (c) below, and shall be worn on the left side centered on the curtain $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the front.

(c) Distinctive Insignia: Distinctive Insignia as worn by enlisted men only shall be a cloth shield $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide by $1\frac{1}{2}$ " high, background of shield to be blue, the letters "TEX" $5/16$ " high in white shall be symmetrically centered on the shield and superimposed on the blue background. The shield shall have a red border $1/16$ " wide; inside of red border shall be white border $1/32$ " wide. All colors shall be embroidered silk in the true colors of the Flag of the Republic of Texas.

- (2) Insignia on Shirt Collar: When the olive-drab or khaki shirt is worn without the coat, insignia will be worn on short collar as follows:

(a) Officers: Insignia of grade shall be worn on right side $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from end centered on the collar with top of insignia parallel to top of collar. Insignia of arm, branch or service will be worn on the left side $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from end centered on collar, top of insignia to be parallel with top and collar.

(b) Enlisted Men: None authorized.

- (3) Shoulder Sleeve Insignia: Shoulder sleeve insignia shall be a spade-shaped shield $2\frac{1}{2}$ " across the top and $2\frac{1}{2}$ " high. The background of the shield shall be blue with a white star symmetrically centered on the shield. The star to be of size as circumscribed by a $1\frac{1}{4}$ " circle. A red letter "T" whose top bar and stem shall be $5/32$ " wide, the top bar to be $23/32$ " long and the stem to be $1-3/16$ " high, this "T" to be superimposed on the star. All colors to be embroidered silk in the true colors of the flag of the Texas Republic.

The shoulder sleeve insignia will be worn on the upper part of the outer half of the left sleeve of the shirt, service coat, field jacket, overcoat and raincoats. Top of insignia shall be $3/4$ " below shoulder seam. Shoulder sleeve insignia as described are prescribed for wear by all officers and enlisted men.

- (4) Insignia for Collar and Lapel of Coat, Service:

(a) Officers: Metal, gold colored, block letters "TEX" $7/16$ " high will be placed horizontally, lower edge $1/2$ " above the horizontal line of lapel, the center of the "TEX" to be in center of the collar. The insignia indicating the arm, branch or service will be worn horizontally on the lapel, upper edge $1/2$ " below horizontal line of lapel and centered below "TEX."

(b) Enlisted Men: Distinctive insignia as described in 3, 1, (1), (c) shall be worn on the service coat on both sides of the collar, lower edge $1/2$ " above horizontal line of lapel, the prolongation of the vertical line through the center of this insignia to be $1\frac{7}{16}$ " from the point of the lapel. Battalion distinctive insignia, when authorized for wear by the

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(5) Insignia of Shoulder Loop: On each shoulder loop of the service coat, overcoat, raincoat, jacket and fatigue clothes of all officers, metal or embroidered insignia of grade will be worn. Battalion Distinctive insignia will be worn on shoulder loops of officers' service coat only.

(6) Chevrons:

(a) Non-commissioned officer grade: United States Army Regulations.

(b) Wound and Service: Gold chevron authorized for service rendered or wounds received during World War I are authorized for wear by both officers and enlisted men entitled to same.

(7) Arm Brassards: Arm brassards shall be of blue felt 4" wide by $15\frac{1}{2}$ " long and shall have Texas State Guard in white felt letters 1" high superimposed on the center of the brassard. The words Texas State Guard are to be placed on brassard, one below the other rather than in one line.

These brassards shall be worn by all members (officers and enlisted men) of the Texas State Guard when on duty and not in uniform or not wearing the prescribed shoulder sleeve insignia.

4. Decorations: Service ribbons as issued by the State and Federal Government only may be worn, by both officers and enlisted men, on shirt or blouse by those entitled to wear such decorations.

5. Source of Supplies:

a. Restricted: All orders for shoulder patches, distinctive insignia and arm brassards will be forwarded direct to this office by battalion, company, and detachment Commanders only. This office will identify the ordering authority, and if found to be in order, will approve and forward the order to Joseph Man's Shop, Austin, Texas, which firm has the exclusive contract for furnishing these distinctive parts of the uniform.

b. Non-restricted: Orders for all other parts of the uniform should be sent by company, battalion and other officers direct to the vendors of their choice. Suppliers are local or commercial houses and military supply stores. The ordering officer will make all arrangements for purchase transactions, including credit arrangements, if any, direct with their vendors. No responsibility in this matter will be attached to the Adjutant General's Department.

c. The brass "TEX" described in paragraph 3, I, (4), (a) can be purchased through Joseph Man's Shop, Austin, Texas. However, this insignia is not restricted and may be purchased from other vendors.

6. The correct fitting of the uniform is necessary for military appearance, and it is the duty of the battalion commander to see that each officer of his battalion is properly and uniformly fitted with a smart uniform.

7. The company commander and detachment commander is responsible for the proper fitting and the uniformity of uniform of the enlisted men of their command and is responsible to the battalion commander for compliance with this duty.

8. The wide range of climatic conditions in the State of Texas makes it impossible for this Headquarters to prescribe a date or dates for the change from summer to winter uniforms, or vice versa, with any assurance that the health and comfort of the command will be properly provided for. Therefore, it will

be the duty of the battalion commander to issue appropriate Battalion General Orders, one copy of which is to be submitted to this Headquarters, prescribing the seasonal uniform to be worn within their battalion, keeping in mind that every effort should be made to preserve uniformity within a battalion insofar as available supplies will permit.

9. The Adjutant General of Texas will prescribe by Office Memorandum the uniform to be worn by officers on duty at this Headquarters. However, Inspectors and other staff officers when officially present at home stations of units of the Texas State Guard will conform to the uniform regulations prescribed by the battalion commander of the unit which they are visiting.

FOUR 6TH BN. UNITS MEET AT LAMPASAS

Uses of Gas and Reising Submachine Gun Are Highlights

A two-hour demonstration in the usage of tear and other gases and the use of the Reising machine gun highlighted the Battalion Assembly held at Lampasas Sunday, August 15, with the four companies of the 6th Battalion, Texas State Guard, in attendance.

The program was started with a bang at Badger Field, Guard drill field, at 9 o'clock Sunday morning as members of host Company A touched off hidden "bombs" and "gunfire," startling the 100-odd members of the four companies which had just been called to attention by the company leaders.

Company A of Lampasas, commanded by Capt. Joe Almond, assisted by Company C of Burnet, demonstrated the new riot formations, the men going through the diagonals and wedges with machine-like smoothness. Lt. Luke Rice, Co. A, was in charge, assisted by Lt. Seidensticker. Practice by the other two visiting companies on the formations continued until the noon hour, when the battalion moved by motor to Panther Park where they were served the noon meal at the cafeteria.

Capt. McCree of Georgetown, Chaplain of the 6th, gave a brief sermon following the meal, with the men seated in a semi-circle under the shade of the trees at the park.

At 2:45 the men were moved by motor to the Lampasas Country Club where E. B. Averill, representative of the Federal Laboratories, Pittsburgh, Pa., gave a comprehensive lecture on the use of various gases in controlling mobs. He demonstrated several types of gas shells and grenades and each member present got at least one "taste" of the tear gas. A bit of "horseplay" came when the "gold-brickers" — those careful soldiers who had stayed out of the gaseous wind — were given a demonstration at close hand of the gas-throwing billy.

A rifle match between the three-man teams of the four companies ended the day's activities. Company A's representatives took first in each of the three sections. Cpl. Loy Rice fired first, scoring 186 of a possible 200; Sgt. Shaw Norris led the second section with 180, and Cpl. H. R. Buchanan took individual honors by making 190 of a possible 200.

Originally planned night operations were cancelled, as the extremely dry grass created too great a fire hazard to risk the use of tracer bullets and night flares as had been planned.

Officers present included Major Grimes, Battalion Commander, Capt. Sam V. Stone, Battalion Adjutant, Capt. Dwight L. McCree, Chaplain, Lt. Roy R. Witt, S-2, Lt. Marvin Behrens, Commanding

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WACO GUARDSMEN HOLD MANEUVER

Company B, 8th Battalion, Waco, on August 7, 1943, headed for Fort Parker for bivouac and maneuvers, according to orders, commanded by Lieut. Lester Kizer, and Lieut. Charles A. Barrett, second in command, in the enforced absence of Capt. Harry Hoffman. In convoy, Company B arrived at the bivouac area on schedule, with no "casualties" suffered en route, and promptly set up its field kitchen and quarters.

Lieutenant Kizer had notified all men of the company to be at the armory at an appointed hour, and 25 enlisted men and two officers ready to move off in convoy, after having been fully equipped and properly instructed.

On maneuvers, Lieutenant Kizer distinguished his unit by the manner in which its drivers kept the proper intervals between their machines and communicated by standard hand signals as well as by the way in which the men deployed under air attack, according to Maj. John Sheehy and other officers witnessing the maneuver. Lieutenant Kizer's own automobile was struck by a flour bomb, but was allowed to proceed, because its occupants were safely away from the explosion. They met no ground opposition.

Mess Sergeant E. W. Holland was complimented by officers and men alike, who were well pleased with the "chow," not to mention the ice cream he served. He had many "visitors."

Saga of the Busted Watermelon

Major Sheehy said his men had made some mistakes, but he had no apologies to make. They had worked hard, they were not "playing soldier," the major declared.

The maneuvers, so far as Company B was concerned, were not without their comic side.

It was in the wee hours of the night, and Corporal Alex Khoury had been posted as an interior guard. He was "walking his post in a military manner, and observing everything which took place within sight or hearing," when out of the night there crept a "stranger" bearing stripes both on his sleeve and on a watermelon which he had in tow. Challenged in the proper and ancient manner, the stranger refused to give the password or to identify himself, attempting to pass Guard Khoury on bluff and gall alone. Khoury, however, wouldn't budge, but promptly stuck his rifle into the ribs of the intruder and demanded that he begone.

Now it was the intruder's time to get tough, and he proceeded to do so by showing his "stripes" and telling the guard he was "a sergeant from Company A," and intended to get through, or else. Corporal Khoury, under orders to let no one pass unless "properly identified," gave a gentle thrust of his piece into the torso of the getter-througer, which caused the latter to drop his watermelon, stripes and all. The melon busted, the "sergeant" beat a quick retreat. Now Corporal Khoury says his motto is: "They shall not pass." "Well done, Corporal," quoth his superior.

ELECTED COMMANDER



Sam D. Forman, Jr., of Houston, was elected commander of the Texas Department of the American Legion at the 25th Annual Convention at Fort Worth, August 19.

At the same time Maj. Louis J. Roberts, who is commanding officer of the 14th Battalion, TSG, at Borger, was elected Grand Chef de Gare, of the 40 and 8.

Forman was Grand Chef de Gare of his local Voiture for 1943. He joined the American Legion in 1919. He has served as Post Service Officer, Finance Officer, Vice Commander, Post Commander, Chairman of the Houston Central Council, Legion Council Service Officer, two terms as District Commander, Division Commander, and Department Membership Chairman.

At the outbreak of World War I, Forman enlisted in the 120th Aerial Squadron at Ellington Field, near Houston. He was 20 years old at the time. Following training at Ellington Field he was sent to England, Scotland and later to France where he served during the war.

726TH HAS SHOW FOR GUARDSMEN

The 726th M. P. Battalion (ZI) put on a show for Houston State Guardsmen on August 22 at their post at Memorial Park.

Lt. Col. F. W. Staples, commanding, threw open the camp to the inspection of Guardsmen.

They visited supply rooms, barracks, mess halls, communications — everything there was to see.

Then there was a county fair in the post quadrangle with a display of equipment, chemical warfare, road blocks, medical, field kitchens and other interesting exhibitions.

The afternoon was polished off with a demonstration of riot formations by the same platoon from Company B, commanded by Lt. C. S. Pressman, which demonstrated at the State Guard School at Camp Bullis this summer.

Concluding activity was a battalion parade and retreat, which showed Guardsmen how it should be done.

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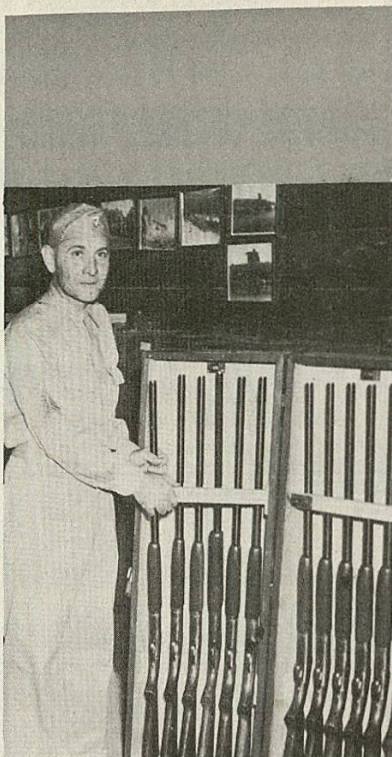
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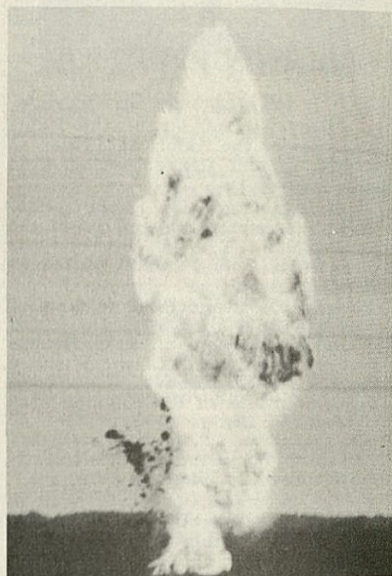


It's a hell of a note when the Editor has to write a "Gripe Letter" to himself, but that seems to be the deal this month. It's incredible that in an army of almost 20,000 officers and men nobody has a gripe to air.

Come on, boys, don't cast reflections on the service. Somebody will say we're not an army if we don't gripe, or at least say that we're illiterate.

Shoot your gripes in letter form to The Editor, THE TEXAS GUARDSMAN, 426 Washington Avenue, Houston.

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Company D, 7th Battalion, TSG, stationed in Houston, is an exponent of frequent week-end field exercises. Fougasse demonstrations, as shown in photographs, are popular and educational parts of the training schedule.

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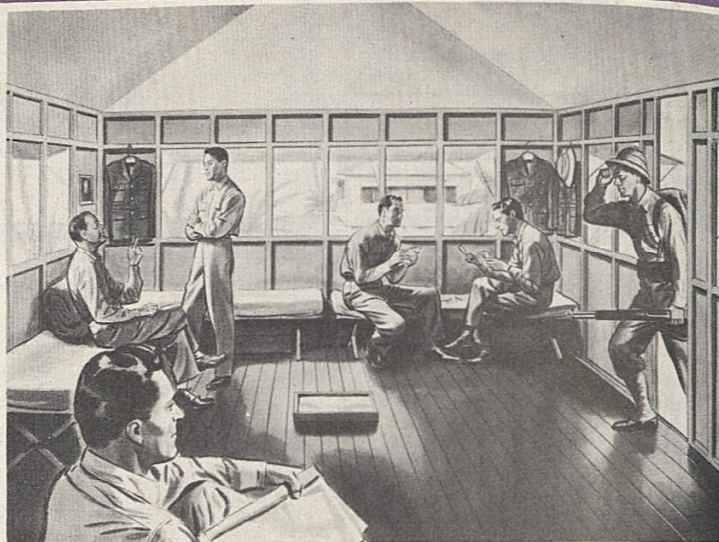
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